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I'm Kristin Teigen and I'm an educator and mother of two living in SE Portland. From the time we moved into our neighborhood in 2014 to today, my family and I have become uncomfortably accustomed to a new season -- fire season. It didn't used to be the case that ash would rain down on our neighborhoods, our air filters would be running full speed and we'd avoid exercise. While this affects us, I know that we have it better than most. Black, brown and Indigenous people are affected worst and first, due to interwoven systems of discrimination that include economic disempowerment, hostile treatment from many governmental institutions and more. In order to support these frontline communities, our entire state needs to support solutions that will ensure that those with the most needs can thrive. Resilience hubs provide the ideal solution, supporting our neighbors through workforce development, health education, crisis supports, community engagement spaces, childcare options and in many instances, low income housing. I urge you to continue your support of these vital services.