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To: House Committee on Energy and Environment
RE: Support for HB 3170, Resilience Hubs and Networks

Dear Chair Lively, Vice–Chair Gamba, Vice–Chair Bobby Levy, and Members of the House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment:

Climate Solutions strongly supports HB 3170 and continued funding for Resilience Hubs and Networks.

Climate Solutions is a non-profit working to accelerate clean energy solutions to the climate crisis in the Pacific Northwest.

As Oregon experiences the effects of climate change through increasingly severe fire seasons, extreme heat, and weather events which are impacting the lives of Oregonians in every corner of the state, the need to take action to cut climate pollution and prevent these increasing harms has never been clearer. At the same time, there is a growing need for safe, healthy and accessible places for Oregonians to gather and recover from these increasingly frequent dangers.

Extreme heat continues to take the lives of our neighbors, with at least [17 Oregonians](#) lost in 2024 due to extreme heat, and with the impact of the 100 lives lost in the 2021 heat dome still echoing through our communities. Wildfires are also impacting communities more and more. In 2024 we experienced the [largest wildfire burns in state history](#), and over the last few years thousands of Oregonians lost their homes and workplaces to fire and even more face extreme air pollution from wildfires each year.

Resilience Hubs can save lives by improving preparation for emergencies and increasing access to trusted information and resources. They can serve their communities more effectively and equitably because they are designed by and for the community. The need for these projects is clear from the successful first round of funding, and the huge amount of unmet need. During the last grant cycle, the state received over 700 applications and was only able to fund 69 of them.

For these reasons, I urge your support for HB 3170 and full funding of Resilience Hubs.

Sincerely,

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