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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2961

To the Committee:

I urge you to support HB 2961, the EV-ready Expansion Bill.

As a homeowner with an electric car, I have experienced the benefits and convenience of being able to charge my car easily, and usually more inexpensively, at home. Yet, for almost half of Oregon residents who are not homeowners, but rather rent instead, these benefits and savings are not available because of where they live.

At the same time, Oregon is trying to reduce climate pollution from the transportation sector, the economic sector with the highest percentage of greenhouse gas emissions; and we are struggling to do so. (According to the State's website "oregontransportationemissions.com," the goal is to reduce transportation GHG emissions by 80% compared to 1990 levels by 2050. - This is a goal that itself is considered by many to be insufficiently ambitious for the challenge. - To date, actions that have been undertaken even toward that low goal only put the sector on track to get to a 60% reduction, if that.) This bill makes it possible, and even attractive, for more people to choose to drive an EV (if they're going to own a car of some kind, as opposed to going car-free) helps individuals save money over the long term, benefits carbon emission reductions and healthier air, and is dollar-smart by requiring only new buildings to meet the EV-ready goals it contains so they can be part of the original design.

Again, please support HB 2961 -

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