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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3170

Date: February 3, 2025 To: House Committee on Energy and Environment Subject: Support for 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:

My name is Donna Bonetti, I live in North Bend, Oregon and I am writing because my community is vulnerable to floods, tsunamis, earthquakes and wildfires, I support HB 3170 to provide an additional \$10 million in funding for Resilience Hubs and Networks. Extreme weather and wildfires continue to hurt Oregonians, and we must ensure all communities have access to the resources and networks they need to thrive, not just survive.

I support HB 3170 and the continued funding of Resilience Hubs and Networks because: I have seen local Coos Bay estuary maps that show that climate change is likely to make our community vulnerable to flooding due to tsunamis, sea level rise, king tides and storms. Our airport and Coast Guard Station are next to the bay and in areas likely to be flooded in a disaster rather than being available as emergency resources. A recent tsunami warning demonstrated that community members did not know what to do in case of tsunami. Our community also has pockets of forested lands throughout the neighborhoods and is prone to high winds so a wildfire disaster like what has happened in Los Angeles is entirely possible. Given these hazards the health and wellbeing In our community depends on emergency resources that are not already in place.

So far, Resilience Hubs and Networks has invested \$10 million in locally-driven, community-led efforts to prepare us for disaster. During the last grant cycle, the state received over 700 applications and was only able to fund 96 of them, demonstrating the clear need for continued funding for Resilience Hubs and Networks.

These grants helped communities repair buildings that are emergency shelters, purchase satellite phones, generators, solar generators, water purification systems, and emergency vehicles, and financed staff positions like nurses and outreach staff. These investments will save lives, help first responders, speed recovery, and benefit the communities that are hit first and worst by extreme weather, wildfires, and other natural disasters. I urge you to support HB 3170 so we can continue building strong Oregon communities.

Sincerely,  
Donna Bonetti  
North Bend, Oregon