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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2961

RE: HB 2961 - Support

Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Levy, and members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy and the Environment.

As we know there is an acute shortage of housing and affordable housing in Oregon. If we're going to address this shortage, we will undoubtedly be constructing many multi-family buildings and residential dwelling units. HB2961 comes at the right time to ensure that these new buildings have the electric vehicle charging capacity that many renters are demanding.

Conversely, if new buildings do not now have a robust requirement to install EV charging capacity those buildings likely will never have that capacity given the cost to retrofit buildings for EV chargers.

We're at a critical juncture on the road to a clean energy future in Oregon and HB2961 will significantly help to realize that future for ourselves and future generations.

I strongly urge the Committee to wholeheartedly support HB2961. Thank you.

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