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On Behalf Of: Climate Reality  
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2961

Dear Members of the Committee:

Though none of us take pleasure in acknowledging it, we are in a global climate crisis. The staggering threat it poses demands immediate and comprehensive measures. There is no silver bullet that will avert this crisis. Our efforts will consist of countless measures, some of them seemingly small.

Though landlords and developers may rail against HB 2961, it is a modest measure, applying only to new construction. The bill represents a small but helpful step in combatting the crisis we face. With charging stations installed at new apartments and garages, Oregonians will face one less obstacle to buying the EVs that promise to lower carbon emissions, a goal that has gone from important to crucial.

Yes, it will entail some cost. But we are long past the point where the steps we must take now will be cheap. And the costs will grow each year we fail to face reality.

If anyone before your committee asks, "Why me?" the answer is that we must all make our contribution. It's a bit like paying taxes; no one enjoys it, but mature minds recognize the necessity.

We have reached the point where we will be forced to pay for the solution or pay for the disaster.

Many of those who oppose this measure, as well as those who support it, have children and grandchildren. We do this for them.

I'm sure the members of the committee can see the truth in this and will vote to support this important measure.

Best Regards,  
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