

Date: February 5, 2025

To: House Committee on Climate, 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 Amy McCormick, and I live in Eugene, Oregon and I am writing because. 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 request for an additional \$10 million to fund a second round of the Community Resilience Hubs grant program. In 2023, the program received \$10 million of one-time funding but could only support less than 100 of the 700 applicants. The bill also makes a few minor technical fixes, applying lessons learned to improve implementation and adjusting statute so that the awards can include projects that respond to ongoing climate issues. I experienced the vast and significant community need and response after various wildfires in Oregon.

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,

Amy

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