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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2961

Chair Lively and Members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy & Environment,

In Support of HB 2961

I'm very concerned about the climate chaos we are passing on to younger generations, and aware that transportation has been the highest cause of greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon. Living in the county outside Medford, my closest access to public transportation is many miles away. I am therefore very grateful to own a home where I could install a charger and purchase an electric vehicle to reduce my carbon footprint and live more in accord with my values. Does it take some extra planning and attention? Yes, but it's well worth a better future for my grandchildren.

Unfortunately, many of my friends are renters and do not have the same choice. I strongly support this bill so more people can live more in harmony with their values, take advantage of lower operations and maintenance costs, and contribute to lowering fossil-fuel based emissions.

Requiring electrical charging access in new buildings is a low-cost and sensible way to increase transitions to battery-electric/plug-in hybrid vehicles. One of the main barriers to widespread adoption of EV's, which would help us meet Oregon's essential climate-related goals, is the uncertainty about ready access to charging for renters and those in multi-family, multi-use and commercial buildings. It would be most economical to plan and install the extra wiring as they are being constructed.

I urge you to adopt HB 2961.

Thank you for your consideration.  
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