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Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of HB 2961, EV-Ready Expansion. My name is Genevieve Hall and I am a renter in Fairview, Oregon. One of the more absurd things I've seen in my apartment complex over the past four years is a Tesla plugged into a series of extension cords leading to a rental unit at least 40 ft away. This situation is emblematic of the increasing demand for electric vehicle infrastructure and its interaction with the housing shortage: as EVs are becoming more affordable, they are becoming financially accessible to people who cannot afford to buy a house. No one should be forced to buy a gas vehicle – a long-term decision with significant environmental consequences – because developers are not keeping up with the times. Therefore, I urge you to support the changes to the state building code recommended by HB 2961.