

Chair and members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment,

My name is Sofia Kovalenko, and I work for LatinoBuilt as a Program Coordinator. Through our work, we help connect Oregonians with energy efficiency programs that improve their homes and quality of life.

The Community Heat Pump Deployment Program has been transformative for Oregon families. Working alongside Energy Trust of Oregon and ODOE, we've seen how these incentives make energy-efficient heating systems accessible to those who need them most - rural communities, people of different ethnicities, families with income restrictions, elderly individuals, and people with disabilities. These are the people we help every day.

These upgrades not only reduce energy bills but significantly improve home comfort and quality of life for countless Oregonians who might otherwise be unable to afford them. The impact of this program creates lasting positive changes in our communities, helping families improve their homes while contributing to our state's environmental goals.

Thank you for your continued support of this vital program.

Respectfully submitted,

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