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It is a priority for our organization this session, as part of the Building Resilience coalition, that you re-invest \$30 million for the Rental Home Heat Pump Program and \$15 million for the Community Heat Pump Deployment Program for the next two years. These life-changing programs are a critical, immediate need for Oregonians and without further investment from the legislature, they'll be on life support or worse in the next two years.

Heat pumps are the most energy efficient and cost effective way to heat and cool our homes, and as energy prices rise, these cost savings become even more important for households who experience energy insecurity. These programs make it possible for many Oregonians - especially in rural areas - to make energy efficiency upgrades that can keep them safe from extreme weather, and wildfire smoke.

As you create budgets this year, please re-invest in these critical programs.

Thank you!