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Chair Sosa, Vice Chairs Chaichi and Osborne and members of the House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

My name is Serena Campas, I am a policy associate with Rewiring America, a national nonprofit focused on electrifying households across the country. I am writing today in support of HB 3179, also known as the FAIR Act. Our organization has a vision for a fully electric future: homes with heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, solar, battery storage, and more, which provide healthier, resilient, and more comfortable living spaces for families and communities. The State of Oregon has long recognized the need to address climate change, and has responded by establishing ambitious climate action goals and emissions reduction targets. Electrification of buildings is an important piece of that plan, however, our vision as an organization, as well as Oregon's goals are not something that can be realized under the current state of ever-rising electric costs.

Passage of the FAIR Act would help protect ratepayers from untimely rate increases, provide regulators with extended flexibility regarding utility investments, and more. All Oregonians benefit from lower electric bills, giving them better financial security and the ability to plan for any future rate increases. With the FAIR Act, Oregonians will have more choice available to them to make the switch to all-electric heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, and dryers. We ask for your support of HB 3179, and thank you for your time.