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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3081

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chair Gamba, Vice-Chair Levy, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Britney VanCitters and I live in SE Portland. I am writing in support of HB 3081 because Oregonians need more support navigating dozens of available energy efficiency upgrade tax credits and rebates.

Last summer, our AC unit burnt out and we had to replace it. We decided to get a heat pump because it was the right thing for climate and it would improve our energy efficiency. It was the best investment for our home. I use the word investment intentionally, because this was not the most affordable option presented to us. We had to take out a loan for it. We're lucky that we were able to get a loan to make this investment in our home.

What would make this whole process less painful and easier on our wallets would be to receive a rebate or tax credit. I know these exist, but understanding which ones we are eligible for, which ones may be layered with each other, and completing the required forms is tricky. I feel like I should be able to easily find these resources and take advantage of them because it's so tangential to my day job as an environmental advocate, but even I struggle. I can only imagine how challenging this is for the average Oregonian who may not even be aware that these benefits and incentives exist or where to go once they learn about them.

HB 3081, One Stop Shop 2.0 is the exact solution that would help my family access the energy efficiency upgrade savings I know we qualify for. A convenient website to connect us with licensed contractors in our area and professionals to guide us through the paperwork is the next step in delivering these energy savings to Oregon families across the state.

I urge you to vote YES on HB 3081.

Thank you,  
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