

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

*My name is Lori Gates, and I live in Hillsboro, Oregon and I am writing because I am concerned about the availability of quality information for citizens wanting to move away from oil and gas to help address climate change. I support HB 3081 because Oregonians need more support navigating hundreds of available energy efficiency upgrades and rebates.*

*I support HB 3081 because:*

- 1. In 2021 I had a frustrating experience while upgrading my home to reduce my carbon footprint. In particular, it was very time consuming to find information on high efficiency heat pumps. I interviewed several heat pump suppliers. Some suggested I stay with a gas appliance, others were focused on upfront-cost of systems instead of energy savings over time for efficient products. Most were not very familiar with high-efficiency heat pumps. It took a lot of my time to figure out what product to buy. I missed out on an incentive rebates because I was unaware of the incentives and which heat pump products were applicable.*
- 2. Many Oregonians are extremely busy with families and work and do not have a lot of time to independently research all the options to upgrade their home for energy efficient electric appliances. When they lack time, they will be less likely to take steps to investigate newer products such as heat pump water heaters and high efficiency heat pumps.*
- 3. Creating a One-Stop Shop will help facilitate the move away from oil and gas energy sources, which will help in the fight against climate change.*

*I urge you to support HB 3081 because Oregonians need an easier way to learn how to upgrade their homes to become more energy efficient and to reduce their carbon footprint.*

*Sincerely,*

*Lori Gates*

*Hillsboro, Oregon*