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Dear Committee members,

Please register my enthusiastic support for this bill. For those of us trying to do the right thing and pivot away from direct fossil fuel consumption, the last two years have been especially brutal for PGE customers. Since purchasing my home in Salem in 2018, my energy use has decreased by nearly 30% due to window and appliance upgrades, LED installation, and other energy saving measures. I am doing my part. However, my electricity bill has INCREASED BY 25% despite all best efforts to reduce use. Where I live PGE is the only energy supplier, so I have no alternative company to turn to. I do not know how less privileged households survive the 18% and then 5% rate increases for back-to-back years. In lieu of the natural price pressures of a capitalist market, please hold PGE and other utility providers more accountable for their use of ratepayer's dollars so that we are not subsidizing enormous shareholder profits, ads, litigation for bad business practices, etc. Thank you for your important work here and for attention to this testimony.