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Members of the committee, thank you for this opportunity to speak today. My name is Donna Maebori. I am a retired health care provider and a homeowner who over the years has installed energy efficiency into my home. With One Stop Shop 2.0, I am impressed that it will provide a state-wide navigation and support system to make finding relevant information much easier, in six languages, with help from actual humans. It is smart that it will have regionally-based information for equipment, preferred contractors, appliances, low-income opportunities and more. It sounds terrific.

For several years now my home has had solar panels, insulation, low emissive glass windows, a heat pump, and, more recently, the back-up furnace became electric. I have an energy efficient refrigerator and use an induction water kettle. The biggest felt experience was the new windows, making room temperature steady and drafts gone. With all these changes, gone too are high energy bills. It was through the news that I learned prices were climbing sharply.

Everyone, owners and renters alike, deserve to live in energy efficient homes.

Applause to you and your staff for crafting an enhanced means for Oregonians to learn how to have these important features in their homes which can improve health and protect against our changing climate.