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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 Debby Garman and I live in Hillsboro. I support House Bill 3081 "One Stop Shop 2.0" because it will make it easier for Oregonians to take advantage of rebates and incentives on home energy-efficiency upgrades.

I've experienced difficulties in finding a path to home energy upgrades for comfort and cost savings myself- and I've had many MANY conversations with others who have also struggled to find information they need for home energy improvement projects. Oregonians need help navigating hundreds of different incentives and cash rebates for housing upgrades like energy efficient heat pumps, better insulation, and sturdier doors and windows. One Stop Shop 1.0 was created to collect all federal, state, utility, and local programs in one place. But that's really not enough and It's time to turn this passive search tool into an active helping hand.

We must make it easier for people of all incomes and abilities to stay in their homes and make housing resilient. My husband and I worked hard over the course of many years to make a drafty uninsulated old house warmer in winter and cooler in summer. It is now a safer and more comfortable home, and I believe that every Oregonian should have access to life-changing home upgrades that lower energy bills, improve health, and protect us from extreme heat and wildfire smoke.

Thank you for your support of House Bill 3081.

Sincerely,

Debby Garman