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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 Marie Wakefield, and I live in Newport. 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.

HB 3081 is important for a number of reasons:

We must make it easier for people of all incomes and abilities to stay in their homes and make housing resilient. 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.

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 (aka HIPPO) was created to collect all federal, state, utility, and local programs in one place. It’s time to turn this passive search tool into an active helping hand.

One Stop Shop 2.0 aims to offer live support to help users navigate the hundreds of available upgrades and rebates. Oregonians will get direct assistance from someone in their part of the state to make their home projects more affordable, connect with trusted contractors, and ask questions along the way.

We can create good-paying jobs in clean energy and help communities that are most impacted by climate change by making it easier for people to invest in climate resilience. With One Stop Shop 2.0, we can help people afford the transition to a cleaner, more sustainable system that benefits everyone – from workers in clean energy to families struggling to make ends meet.

Thank you for your support of House Bill 3081.

Sincerely,