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Hello House Committee on Climate, Energy, and the Environment. I am a proud resident of Portland, Oregon and I am deeply concerned about our climate and energy future. I am 31 years old and have lived in Oregon for the last three years. I have experienced over my relatively short lifespan a substantial increase in the number of days over 90 and 100 degrees and have seen more extreme weather, from extreme rain events to massive wildfires and flooding. At a prior job when I lived in Arizona at a youth center I witnessed how many low income youth had limited access to AC and the harm it did for their health. While I have switched jobs and do not work with youth on a regular basis in Oregon, I know the extreme weather events in the state have had a massive impact. We risk the lives of our residents by not doing all we can to make it easier for people to receive working and affordable health and cooling systems. The state of Oregon has already passed some important legislation to make it more affordable for all residents of Oregon to be able to afford to equip their homes with heating and cooling devices such as heat pumps. However, it is still very difficult to navigate the different rebates available on the local state and federal level. I have a bachelors of science and struggle myself to find out what is available. I can only imagine what it would be like for people who don't have similar education levels. One stop shop one for electrification has made it easier, but we need to continue to improve the site to make it as easy as possible for Oregonians to be able to protect themselves from the impacts of climate change. I urge you to vote yes on HB 3081 to make it easier for Oregonians to figure out how to finance life saving heating and cooling devices such as heat pumps.