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House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment

RE: HB 3081 Support

Chair Rep. Lively, Co-Chairs Rep. Gamba, Rep. Levy and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. My name is Joel Iboa, and I am the executive director of Oregon Just Transition Alliance (OJTA). We are a movement of low-income, rural, people of color, and disabled folks impacted first and worst by extreme heat and cold. I am here in support of HB 3081 One Stop Shop 2.0, which will improve access to rebates and incentives that strengthen Oregon's resilience against extreme weather.

Oregon has been a leader in passing laws to help people stay safely and affordably housed, like the Rental Home Heat Pump Program and Community Heat Pump Deployment Program from 2022. But now, we need to make sure everyone can access these programs. Many have complicated rules, different eligibility requirements, and different times of the year that they kick in. These challenges are even harder for communities facing language barriers, limited internet access, and busy work and home lives.

Imagine it's winter, and your furnace or heat pump breaks. You're left in the cold, scrambling to find a solution. For many Oregonians, this isn't just an inconvenience, it's a crisis. Imagine trying to figure out how to replace it, apply for rebates, and pay for it, all while you're enduring extreme cold, juggling a demanding job, caring for family, or struggling with limited English. Where do you even start? Who do you call?

One Stop Shop 2.0 aims to clarify the rebate process and provide live, personalized support in multiple languages so Oregonians can more easily access available upgrades, rebates, and incentives. The goal is to help Oregonians upgrade their homes for better health, lower energy costs, reduced pollution, and increased resilience to extreme weather. But without proper support, many of OJTA's communities are left behind simply because they don't know what's available or how to access it.

On behalf of OJTA, I urge you to invest in HB 3081 that will streamline navigating programs that help keep people safe, housed, and secure in their communities.

Thank you,

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