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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3081

Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Levy, and Members of the Committee

Re: In support of HB 3081

I am a caregiver, living just outside Medford in Jackson County. We have experienced extreme weather-related challenges on our rural parcel, and believe we must reduce greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible to preserve a livable future for our grandchildren and coming generations. Energy efficiency measures are among the most cost effective tools we have and provide immediate effects to reduce harmful emissions, as well as often providing increased quality of life.

I applaud the Legislature for wisely providing economic incentives for some immediate solutions, such as heat pumps, weatherization upgrades, induction cooking units. However, the wide array of programs, different rules is difficult for many of us to sort through and take advantage of. I have a college degree, but am also a caregiver living on rural acreage, and I just haven't been able to sort through all the opportunities. This bill, which would provide coordination and in-person help to individuals such as myself, would help many more of us be able to utilize these great programs.

I also appreciate the focus of this bill to provide outreach across the state, especially to low-income, energy-burdened households to provide more equal access.

I urge your support of HB 3081