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Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez, and members of the committee:

My name is Dr. Mark Puhlman DNP and retired Nurse Practitioner residing in the City of Lake Oswego, OR.

I am testifying today to urge you to prioritize protecting and investing in Oregon's climate progress and guarding against federal chaos. Over the past decade, we've made significant strides as a city and state to tackle the growing climate crisis that has devastated the health, safety, and local economies of communities across Oregon. With your leadership, we've passed legislation that helps Oregon families to access more affordable, cleaner energy sources, better prepare for and respond to extreme weather, and breathe cleaner, safer air. But we still have work to do, and these programs need your continued support or we risk an enormous backslide. That's why I'm calling on you today to support continued funding for existing, popular state programs to cut climate pollution, drive clean economic growth and promote community resilience.

We're facing great chaos and uncertainty at the federal level from an increasingly lawless Trump Regime , including attacks on clean air and water, affordable energy, and the integrity of our public lands. If we fail to act and protect our climate progress, it's our frontline communities — people with disabilities, rural families, people of color, and working folks — who will be hurt first and worst. But every Oregonian will feel the impact.

Investing in climate resiliency means investing in community resiliency. We all deserve to breathe clean air, drink safe water, and heat and cool our homes without facing outrageous utility bills. That's why I'm calling on you today to prioritize Climate by fully funding the following bills before you:

Heat Pumps (SB 5518) - \$30 million for Rental Home Heat Pump and \$15 million for Community Heat Pump Deployment Programs. For many families, a heat pump can be a lifeline. Heat pumps mean lower utility bills when costs are skyrocketing, safety from deadly heat, and being able to afford and stay in housing. These programs help keep people safe, housed, and secure in their communities.

One Stop Shop 2.0 (HB 3081): Oregonians need more support navigating all the programs to upgrade their homes and buildings through incentives and rebates for efficient heat pumps, improved insulation, sturdier doors and windows, and clean

electric cooking. One Stop Shop 2.0 will help families get direct assistance from someone in their area to make their home projects more affordable.

Please reject any new Oregon tax breaks for corporations or the ultra-wealthy. Consider a constitutional amendment to reduce or eliminate the kicker. Please refrain from making pre-emptive cuts based on speculation on what might happen in DC, which would simply be a signal to Elon Musk that you are willing to help cover the cost of billionaire tax breaks by sacrificing some of the most critical basic services Oregonians all rely on.

The climate is crying out for our help. We must not fail.

Sincerely

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