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On Behalf Of:
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I am asking for support of programs addressing climate change. One such bill is SB 5518 for heat pumps to be made financially feasible for placement in rental homes and for homeowners. This program has provided grants in eleven regions of Oregon for vitally needed heat pumps which lower energy costs. People can be healthier in homes with adequate heating and cooling. One other bill is HB 3170, for climate resilience hubs. Grants in this program provide for creating a physical structure in communities for people to gather and have the support of food, supplies, information and the like during a disaster. Alternatively, instead of a building, networks can be developed within communities to facilitate needed support. These programs will be lifelines in an emergency. Climate change is necessitating efforts like these two bills. These two programs started only a few years ago and need continued support to allow more Oregonians to have these vital services. Thank you for not pre-emptively cutting services or funding. Likewise, please no tax cuts for wealthy individuals and corporations. Thank you for working for all Oregonians.