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

As a director of a non-profit Day program for individuals with Developmental Disabilities I have been able to obtain grants and rebates to obtain plug-in hybrid vehicles, switch to heat pumps for heating and cooling and install charging stations at our program. These programs while beneficial are often over-complicated and seem designed for experts and those with unlimited time to fill out often confusing forms on less than user friendly websites. Creating a consumer friendly one stop shopping model for all such programs is essential if they are to be the catalyst for a widespread transition to sustainable energy delivery systems. I'm asking you to invest in 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.

Additionally, I urge you to prioritize protecting our climate progress and continue investing in our climate resilience:

1. Ensure Oregonians can heat and cool their homes affordably – without having to choose between keeping the lights on or putting food on the table:
Heat Pumps (Oregon Dept. of Energy programs) - \$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.
2. Ensure our communities are prepared for extreme weather events. Heat domes, wildfires, ice storms, drought, and extreme weather are growing more common and more devastating – and taking a serious toll on our health, safety, and economy:
Community Resilience Hubs (ODHS) - \$10 million for community resilience hubs and networks across the state to coordinate and provide access to resources and services for vulnerable populations during disasters.

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.

Thank you for your time and for investing in a resilient climate future for all of Oregon.

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