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

As The Oregonian noted this week, “President Donald Trump’s newest executive order takes aim at climate change laws and policies adopted by states and local jurisdictions and could put an array of Oregon programs at risk.” I’m currently in the process of turning our Portland house into an all electric home, in fact the new heat pump to replace our gas fired furnace should be operating before the end of May. Tax breaks were a big incentive for us to achieve our all electric goal and the Trump administration is actively trying to roll back progress on clean energy. Now more than ever, it’s incredibly important for Oregon to keep pursuing programs and initiatives that help to mitigate global warming. For me personally, because there is no going back if we don’t reduce our carbon emissions climate change is more important than any other current political issue. That’s why I’m asking you to fund programs that will:

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.

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.

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.

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

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