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Greetings, Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez, and members of the committee,
My name is Brooke Nuckles and I've lived in Oregon for 14 years. I am a resident of Medford, Oregon, Executive Director for Rogue Climate, and a mother.

Today, at this critical time for southern Oregon, our state, country, and planet, I am submitting testimony because it is vital that you prioritize protecting and investing in Oregon's climate progress and guard against federal chaos. Oregon has made significant strides as a 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 access more affordable, cleaner energy sources, better prepare for and respond to extreme weather, and breathe cleaner, safer air. **OUR WORK IS NOT DONE**- 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.

With vast amounts of chaos and uncertainty at the federal level, including attacks on clean air and water, affordable energy, and the integrity of our public lands, we must act and protect our climate progress. Every Oregonian will feel the impact- but it's our front line communities — people with disabilities, rural families, communities of color, and working folks — who will be hurt first and worst.

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 support these specific bills:

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.

Community Resilience Hubs (ODHS) (HB 3170) - \$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.

Eelgrass Task Force (HB 3580) - \$540,000 to establish a task force to assess the current and historical extent of eelgrass in Oregon's estuaries, develop statewide targets for eelgrass protection and restoration by 2040, and recommend policy, regulatory, and funding strategies to achieve those goals.

Please prioritize funding to support our state energy and natural resource agencies in advancing Oregon's climate goals, ensuring healthy, resilient communities, and supporting clean energy job growth across Oregon.

Please reject any new Oregon tax breaks for corporations or the ultra-wealthy.

Please prioritize a state budget that protects our climate and our communities rather than adding to the chaos.

Thank you for your service to Oregonians and for your time and consideration.

With gratitude,

Brooke Nuckles