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To: Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
From: Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN)
Re: SUPPORT for SB 1588 – Upgrade and Save
Date: February 8, 2026

Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Brock Smith, and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment:

The Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN) supports SB 1588 and we strongly urge you to pass this important legislation.

COIN is a coalition of over 75 local Indivisible groups throughout Oregon that cooperate and amplify their joint efforts to advance important federal and state legislation and engage with elected officials to promote progressive causes for the benefit of all Oregonians.

Perhaps most importantly, this bill will fund energy efficiency and strategic electrification without additional burden to the General Fund or ratepayers.

We support the requirement in this bill that each electric company will be required to create an "inclusive utility investment program" to help customers pay for energy efficiency upgrades or renewable energy projects, such as solar panels or electric heat pumps, with the goal of reducing their utility costs. Allowing for payments for upgrades to be made with the monthly savings on customers' utility bills makes energy efficiency and the savings that comes with it accessible to everyone, particularly low-income and environmental justice communities.

This type of program is proven tool to lower utility bills by enabling energy efficiency and electrification upgrades with no upfront cost to households. It not only saves us money, but it also reduces energy consumption, which we must do in order to address climate change.

We thank Senator Golden and Senator Neron Mislin for sponsoring this important legislation.

We urge the committee to vote YES on SB 1588 and keep this bill moving forward.

Respectfully,
Deborah Ferrer, The Dalles
On behalf of the Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN)