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Re: Support SB 1588

Dear Chair Sollman and members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment,

SB 1588, Upgrade and Save, helps bridge the gap left by the expiration of important federal tax credits. It can help Oregonians afford the high upfront cost of switching to energy efficient and clean technologies. This is a creative and sensible bill that deserves your support.

350PDX is a nonprofit organization with a focus on climate and environment, with thousands of members in the Portland area. We have advocated for transitioning away from fossil fuels for energy generation. The advent of technologies such as electric heat pumps, solar panels, batteries, wind, and other non-emitting energy generation are critical to ensuring this transition. An added benefit is that these technologies are more energy efficient and often more affordable forms of energy once they are in operation. These technologies, however, are often locked behind high upfront costs, placing them out of reach for many middle- and low-income families.

By passing SB 1588, state utilities will be able to work directly with Oregonians to provide alternate financing options. It will streamline the process for many by providing a single point of contact with more manageable payment options.

Recognizing the reality of the current budget shortfall, this bill allows the state to advance climate action without requiring state finances. Bills like these creatively keep the state on track to meet our climate goals.

As we move forward into a more sustainable future, ensuring people can make the switch to innovative green technologies is a cornerstone of what makes it possible to reach 100% clean energy by 2040. Although installing new technologies can be costly, through programs like these, the state can help accelerate adoption and in turn accelerate progress on our goals while also keeping things affordable.

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