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To: Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

Re: Support SB 1588

Dear Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Brock Smith, and Members of the Committee,

Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility (Oregon PSR) is an organization of over 2,000 health professionals and public health advocates working to address the gravest threats to human health and survival. Our homes serve as the very foundation of our health, offering the first line of protection against the escalating climate crisis. To safeguard our health from wildfires, extreme heat, and frigid winter temperatures, we must increase energy-efficient technologies, comprehensive weatherization, and clean energy solutions. However, the financial barriers to these essential upgrades often put them out of reach for many Oregonians. That is why Oregon PSR is submitting testimony in strong support of Inclusive Utility Investment Programs (SB 1588), recognizing their critical role in advancing public health benefits and climate resilience.

SB 1588 will remove barriers for Oregonians, especially those in low- and moderate-income households, to adopt energy-efficient and electric technologies that benefit their health and comfort. By allowing the cost savings from these improvements to finance the initial investment through their utility, these programs make healthier, more resilient homes accessible and affordable. Passing SB 1588 is a vital step toward ensuring that all Oregonians can benefit from energy efficiency and clean energy solutions. Oregon PSR strongly urges the committee to pass SB 1588.

Sincerely,

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