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Testimony

From : Mary D. Mann President

I would be there in person to testify but scheduled for a Energy Trust of Oregon Trade Ally required meeting which is in Portland scheduled for the same day and time.

I am writing to add another voice in support of the Energy Trust's proposal and to encourage the board to accept the staff recommendations. The technical charts are a bit beyond me and I am glad staff can figure it out. What I see is the need to continue to provide total weatherization measure opportunities to multifamily owners in particular. Keep housing affordable as well as keeping the idea of energy efficiency always in the mind of owners of rental property. How to stay competitive without driving up the rental costs is critical. How to make it pencil with very large upfront investment costs with the actual cost of these items continuing to climb each year it is not good for Oregon's long term weatherization goals. It is not good for owners to push out year after year improvements that have such a huge impact on livability and energy savings because of temporary changes in energy costs.

At the same time we imagine all or part of whole building weatherization items (floors walls etc) will be done but all the saving their tenants would have had are being eaten up with the higher costs of delaying doing the work. In the industry we are seeing 5 % to 15 % YEARLY increases in labor and material costs. Yet we hear on the news we have little or no inflation. Somebody is not down in the field seeing what is really happening in the construction industry and all these costs get getting passed on to the consumer.

Personally I have some large gas heated projects, some of which the owners pay the heat, and some the tenants. One owner just converted to individual gas heated units from electric cadet heaters instead of replacing the windows. He thought they could do that this year with the help of the ETO incentives . Now he is paying for that as effective January 1 the ETO canceled these incentives for multifamily. He would need the extra incentives from the Energy Trust (the tax credits which are also part of the package are just not enough of an incentive) to even consider the window improvements in the near future. Who loses ? The tenants. **Say yes** so we can keep gas customers weatherizing.

Warmest Regards

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