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Oregon Public Utility Commissioners:

Clackamas County, like others in Oregon, has many households that rely on inefficient resistance heaters or wood stoves that create significant indoor and outdoor air pollution, or a combination.

I want to voice support as the County's Sustainability Supervisor for the proposed pilot program in Order 21-490 for the Energy Trust of Oregon to test significantly increased incentives for ductless heat pumps for low-income households or those supplementing heat from wood or oil.

I would encourage ETO and the PUC to consider whether these greater incentives for DHPs could successfully be coupled with cost-effective insulation and air-sealing projects in otherwise qualified single-family homes or in the low-income multifamily properties that need these basic upgrades. Those measures could further boost energy savings, climate benefits, and air quality. Our community, state and planet need to accelerate and deepen commitments to greenhouse gas reductions through efficiency and zero carbon fuels.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Order 21-490.

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