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Attention: Lisa Hardie  
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Regarding: AR-601 Severe Weather Moratorium

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Dear Commissioners:

Power shutoffs are extremely dangerous and unjust to the American ways of life. Past utility cases have proven to kill people due to the extreme cold. People have a right to light, heat, and shelter from the elements. Without these rights people are left with little to no alternatives to better themselves and those around them

Physical and Mental health issues should be taken seriously. People's mental health may decline from the added stress and poor living conditions, causing them to seek treatment. As a result these people may be less functional in society. They will be less resistant to illness, causing them to miss work and be in even worse financial position. On top of all this, the American tax payer will be burdened with footing the medical, and food bills.

It would behoove power companies to have specialist on staff to help these vulnerable people when needed. In the long run this will benefit society due to the decrease in deaths and money being spent to turn people back on.

As of this writing, four out of five States already have moratoriums in place. It is only a matter of time before Oregon follow suit and make the best decisions for the greatest number.

Sincerely Yours,

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