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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission Members:

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) wholeheartedly supports the Energy Trust of Oregon's cost effectiveness exemption request so that they can continue providing much-needed resources for the replacement of manufactured homes.

OHCS has worked in partnership with the Energy Trust of Oregon on programming to assist qualified manufactured homeowners affordably replace older, unsafe and energy inefficient homes. Energy Trust incentives provide a critical piece of the funding package which leverages other funds to buy down the cost of replacement for homeowners who might not otherwise be able to afford to replace their homes. The transition from a pilot to a standard program will mean that manufactured housing partners can more effectively market and deliver manufactured home replacement resources to some of Oregon's most vulnerable homeowners. The Labor Day wildfires of 2020, which disproportionately impacted manufactured homeowners, created an even more urgent need for the availability of funding subsidies to counter rising replacement costs and improve manufactured housing so that it is both resilient and climate-friendly. OHCS supports Energy Trust of Oregon's cost effectiveness exception request and hopes that the Commission will rule in favor of the request.

Best Regards,

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