

To: Isabelle Hernandez, Oregon Legislature
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I am an Oregon resident and member of 350pdx interested in justice-based solutions to climate disruption. My comments relate to the Environmental Justice.. work group.

Comment 1 Re: utility on-bill assistance

To really address increased electricity costs for low income people, I urge you to keep on-bill assistance separate from any requirement to reduce green house gas emissions. I heard some work group discussion which seemed to want to require linkage. Whereas all or most other use of cap-proceeds must also result in lower emissions, it will not help low-income renters to link the on-bill assistance to weatherization, for example.

Comment 2 Re: weatherization

I urge SB1070 framers to find ways to assist and benefit low-income renters. The weatherization “project” area as a proposed use for cap-proceeds (Climate Investment Fund, Just Transition Fund) will be directed to home-owners, who can then benefit from lower utility bills in the weatherized home. But this use of funds is a ‘justice’ issue, since many (most?) low-income people are *renters*, not home-owners, and so they do not qualify for this type of Just Transition.