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To Mayor Wheeler, Commissioners Mapps, Ryan, Rubio, Gonzalez:

I'm writing on behalf of MCAT (Mobilizing Climate Action Together) to urge your rapid adoption of the Multifamily Energy Reporting & Tenant Notice Policy. MCAT is a group of climate activists working to advance a healthy climate and a green economy for future generations. Most of our 450 members live in the Portland area.

MCAT works primarily on state-wide policy, but Oregon cannot meet its greenhouse gas emission reduction or environmental justice goals without leadership by the City of Portland. The City's Climate Emergency Workplan sets goals that must be met so that future generations may have a livable planet. Your website says, "We are living in a climate emergency. It's time for Portland to act like it." We totally agree!

This policy adds multifamily residential buildings to your already established commercial building reporting requirements. Because reporting won't start until 2026 for the largest buildings, and 2027 for the next tier of buildings, too much delay is already built into the program. The IPCC tells us that we cannot wait longer to draw down greenhouse gas emissions. **Please move this policy change along as quickly as possible.**

The Policy is just asking for reporting. The City needs this information before it can begin to design future programs to address pollution from multi-family buildings. In other words, the information is needed ASAP.

The Tenant Notice policy is also critical. It will allow renters to make informed decisions for their family's health and budget. Access to information about utility costs and resources for utility-payment assistance will help keep people housed; and disclosure of cooling, ventilation, and appliance fuel source risks is especially important for families with health concerns. The Notice policy is needed to meet the City's intention of addressing the climate emergency while protecting low-income and vulnerable citizens.

Large building owners are expressing concern that the proposed policy will be costly and onerous, but the owners of large commercial buildings in Portland already comply with similar policies, and many other US cities and our neighboring states California and Washington have had similar reporting for years. Tools are available and the City is providing help. Owners of large, multi-family buildings must get with the program to

protect Portland's economy and livability.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. We ask you to move this program along promptly by putting it on the Council's agenda right after the Comment period closes.

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