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Portland City Council  
Portland City Hall  
1211 SW 4th Ave  
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Mayor Hales and City Council Members:

Earlier this month, the Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) learned more about the Energy Performance Reporting Policy proposed by the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. The PSC unanimously supports the initiative and recommends that City Council passes the ordinance this spring.

The 2009 Climate Action Plan (CAP) states that commercial buildings are the second largest source of carbon emissions – accounting for approximately 25 percent of emissions in the city. The CAP identifies a key action to reduce carbon emissions: require energy performance tracking for commercial buildings. This policy proposal completes that action item and also benefits our community by:

- Reducing energy use.
- Saving money.
- Providing market recognition to the most efficient buildings.
- Helping prospective tenants and buyers make informed decisions.

The PSC is pleased to see Portland retain its leadership role in green building and addressing carbon emissions and understand that the Bureau will be engaging the community in the coming month to solicit additional input into the proposal. This proposed policy keeps us in step with ten other U.S. cities and supports goals identified in the Portland Plan and Comprehensive Plan.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendation.

Sincerely,

Andre' Baugh  
Chair  
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