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Salem Climate Action Plan Subcommittee
555 Liberty Street SE
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RE: Climate Action Plan Implementation Strategy EN20 – Home Energy Score

Dear Climate Action Plan Subcommittee Members:

The Mid-Valley Association of REALTORS® is concerned with implementation strategy EN20 of the Climate Action Plan that you will be discussing at your August 1 meeting. As currently presented, this strategy would create an ordinance requiring sellers to obtain and provide a Home Energy Score to prospective home buyers.

While we appreciate this strategy is meant to educate buyers on the estimated energy related use of the home and provide recommended solutions to improve the home's efficiency, we do not believe making this a requirement is the best approach to achieve the city's greenhouse gas emission reduction goals.

The Home Energy Score Program is already available in Oregon on a voluntary basis. Unfortunately, most homeowners are unaware of the programs potential benefits as they have not been informed.

Rather than taxing city resources to implement and regulate a mandatory program which will only educate sellers and buyers, why not focus on assisting all homeowners to understanding their home's energy use? Eugene has implemented a voluntary Home Energy Score service which focuses on educating all residents (not just buyers). Here is a link to their website: <https://www.eugene-or.gov/4714/Home-Energy-Score-Program>.

We urge you to explore creating an educational program for all - instead of placing a mandate on a few. If the intent is to truly have residents understand how to reduce their home's energy use, a strong education program with information on incentives to make energy saving changes is needed.

Respectfully,

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