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From: Kate Bodane Parker [mailto:katebodane@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2015 8:42 PM

To: Patrino Beth **Subject:** HB 3250

Dear Members of the House Energy and Environment Committee,

I'm writing to ask for your support of HB 3250. Nothing concerns me more than our climate crisis and the future that my children will face. Putting a cap on carbon emissions by auctioning allowances and distributing the revenue back to Oregonians is a practical way to address this clear and present threat to human health and the environment. HB 3250 is Oregon's opportunity to lead the way, as our state has proudly done at so many other times. Never before has environmental leadership from Oregon been so desperately needed.

HB 3250 would bring our greenhouse gas emissions 85% below 1990 levels by 2050, matching the reduction rate we need to avoid a 2°C rise in global temperature average. The states are still the laboratories of democracy, and there's no better state than Oregon to inspire federal climate action. HB 3250 would disprove the myth that climate change is some elaborate trick to grow the size of government. By returning the auction proceeds to every Oregonian, it would prove that the burden of climate stability need not be borne by low-income families. We don't have the luxury of winning this struggle twice. HB 3250 would create Oregon's very own Alaska Permanent Fund: loathed by polluters, adored by the electorate. Alaska holds polluters accountable for the extraction of fossil fuels, Oregon should hold them accountable for treating our atmosphere like a sewer. A simple majority in both chambers would put HB 3250 on the Governor's desk, and no constitutional amendment would be necessary to address Section 3a, Article IX.

I am following this bill closely and ask you to please support HB 3250 and do everything in your power to make this legislation law.

Sincerely,

Kate Parker

Portland