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Dear Chair Vega Pederson and House Energy and Environment Committee:

As a faith leader in my community, I am concerned about the impacts of global warming and associated climate change, especially the consequences to the already marginalized people, compromised habitats and endangered species. On behalf of Eugene Interfaith Earthkeepers and many people in my congregation of First United Methodist Church in Eugene, I am writing in strong support of House Bill 3470 (known as the Climate Stability and Justice Act).

I support this policy for a number of reasons:

- 1) A well administered cap effectively and predictably reduces greenhouse emissions;
- 2) California has an effective cap and allocation law, adopted in 2006, designed to be joined by other jurisdictions. So Oregonians could join with a much larger economy and reinforce collective action;
- 3) The bill sets greenhouse gas emissions limits based on the best available science;
- 4) Opinion polls show the public opposes a carbon tax, but supports a carbon cap, so this bill is likely to survive a referendum to the voters.

For these reasons and others I believe HB 3470 is the most feasible, legal and effective policy option for Oregon at this time.

Please support HB 3470.

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