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Dear Chair Vega Pederson and members of the Oregon House Energy and Environment Committee:

I am writing in support of House Bill 3470 (the "Climate Stability and Justice Act").

At your Committee Hearing on April 14th, you will also be considering bills that are intended to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases that the overwhelming majority of climate scientists agree are contributing to climate change. We are already seeing the impact of these emissions here in Oregon as well as in the U.S. as a whole and globally, and the projected impacts will become more and more disastrous if we fail to act promptly.

I am convinced that of these bills, HB 3470 would provide the strongest climate policy, one that can easily accomplish several key objectives, including the following:

- It requires the use of best science to identify key targets;
- It specifies the state agency with responsibility for implementing steps to meet those targets, and grants authority for enforcing those steps;
- It requires five-year reporting and strategic adjustments as needed to meet the targets;
- It mandates full accounting methods for carbon emissions, from extraction and transport through final disposition of waste materials;
- It provides mitigation for low income communities;
- It integrates existing regulations into a single comprehensive program; and

• It is compatible with similar actions that have been mandated (or are expected to be mandated) by nearby states and provinces, thereby providing consistency and magnifying the overall impact.

I urge your support HB 3470 and ask that you do all you can to advance HB 3470 this session.

Thank you!

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