Dear Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

I have spent the last several years fighting the influx of fossil fuel transport through Oregon and the Pacific North West. Do you know that 5 X the amount of greenhouse gases as planned for the KXL pipeline are headed to markets through the Pacific North West? Our world climate cannot continue to absorb these gases without disastrous results for our civilization. We desperately need new policies on fossil fuel transport, but even more a market based solution to begin to turn the tide against cheap fossil fuels.

Please support passage of HB 3470A, the Climate Stability and Justice Act and SB 965, Cap and Dividend. They represent the legislation needed this year as momentum increases to act on curbing greenhouse gas emissions. HB 3470A enforces Oregon's existing goals on climate pollution adopted by the 2007 Legislative Assembly, with a firm timeline for action to guarantee Oregon achieves these 2007 goals. The Act ensures that progress is measured and reported every five years and that further reductions are taken if benchmarks aren't met. SB 965 would authorize DEQ to set up a permit and auction system for those polluting the air with carbon dioxide or its equivalent.

To have the support of the public, most of the dividend needs to be refunded to households. Oregon has the advantage of the experience in CA and BC and is now positioned to act in a responsible and effective manner.

Oregon has led and can continue to be a climate champion!

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"The easy path is not to commit to the power of love but to collude with the love of power." Cornell West