

I ask you to show bold and courageous leadership and enact carbon fee and dividend legislation. We have no time to waste. Cap and Dividend matches the gravity of the problem and promises real change.

Below is a picture of Mt Hood that I drew from its flanks about 10 years ago. Already I can see the changes in the snowpack there, and for the first time in their lives, I was unable to take my kids cross country skiing this winter. Our Cascade peaks are not only inspiring and beautiful gems on our horizon, but they hold our water in store for us all Spring and Summer, feeding the lush valleys that Oregon is known for. Fifteen counties now in Oregon are in a state of drought, and I am worried for the well-being of the salmon, the farmers, and all beings who depend on that water for life.

We must internalize the cost of CO2 pollution so that we can move forward with a swift and viable solution to curb climate change and encourage the widespread development of alternatives. Cap and Dividend has emission targets which are scientifically-grounded, curbing carbon pollution at a pace climatologists advise as necessary to stabilize our climate—80% reduction of 1990 emissions by 2050. The scientists' warnings are urgent, and the goals can only be met with bold action NOW. Cap and Dividend (SB 965) holds the potential to meet these goals, and the revenue neutral aspect of the bill will gain widespread support from Oregonians across the political spectrum.

Cap and Dividend is future-friendly and utterly sensible. Let's offer our nation a roadmap for how to walk into a beautiful and life-sustaining world for all future generations!

Sincerely,

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