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Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chair Olsen, members of the Committee: my name is Nora Lehmann. I'm an artist and a teacher, a mother of two, and a member of the group Families for a Livable Climate PDX.

Thank you for continuing the critical work of addressing the climate crisis and greenhouse gas pollution here in Oregon.

There are so many sad and poignant ironies of the era of climate change. For example, that because we collectively refuse to change little things we could control, huge things we can't control will change instead. And, that too often we respond to existential threats like climate change with the opposite of the teaching it seems to be offering. Hardening instead of softening, accumulating instead of sharing, protecting our in-group instead of recognizing our wholeness as a planet.

I've come to Salem today with some personal difficulty. I'm taking a day off from my work and I've had to ask favors from friends to help fill the gaps in our childcare arrangements since I'm missing pre-school pick-up. My carpool with two other moms fell through because one got sick and the other one's kid got sick. The fact that I am able to do this at all is a measure of my own economic privilege. So while of course, I am here to testify on behalf of my own sweet children, Sally who is four, and Sydney who is two, I am also here to advocate for the children of the parents who don't have the same privileges I do. The parents who are too poor, too stressed, too on the edge to have any time or headspace to worry about climate change. Their sweet children also deserve a livable planet. But, as Peter Kalmus, a NASA climate scientist and activist says: "We are not fighting for a merely 'livable' planet. We are fighting for a riotous, wild, gorgeous, generous, miraculous, and life-cradling planet. And a society that works for everyone."

As a parent, I request, demand, beg, and implore you to pass bold climate action in this Legislative session. 2020 **must** be the year we finally hold large corporate polluters accountable in our state. As a mom, I am doing my part to fight climate change in all the small ways I can. But it is long past time for the companies who create the overwhelming majority of climate pollution to do theirs. Thank you.

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