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I would like to thank all of you for your work on legislation that will effect climate change. I know it is not easy. I volunteered for Portland Audubon Conservation Committee in the 1990s. I became so disheartened with the devastating spiral of climate change, that I stopped volunteering. That was cowardice on my part.

I am a parent of daughters, and granddaughters.

Years ago when I was in law school in California, “The Public Trust Doctrine” was being used to save key environmental treasures. Simply stated, the present generation (the trustees) may use the excess of a resource such as water, but must leave that resource (the Principal) in the same condition as they inherited that resource. My Mother would have said “That is not good enough, leave a place better than you found it.”

Our generation inherited an amazing resource, our planet. I am saddened by what my daughters have inherited, and fear for my granddaughters.

As trustees of Earth we can no longer abuse our responsibility. It is time to act.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to address this committee.