

Dear Honorable Oregon State Representatives,

I am a rural Oregonian who is deeply concerned about how climate change is threatening our way of life.

Half of all fires can be attributed to climate change and these fires are smoking us out and threatening to burn our homes down. Every summer I am frantically working to firewise my home. Reduced snow pack threatens our ski resorts and summer water supply. Scientists tell us this will worsen over time, yet it will not be strictly linear; we will get a few good years and a few especially bad years along the way.

For our children and grandchildren we need immediate action on climate change. Please approve HB4167 and help it become law. We need to do our best for climate change as it is threatening my Valley right now. This bill will give us the deep reductions we need statewide and may be an inspiration to other states to be part of the solution. It's a definite plus that the bill will help fight fires and invest in programs which store carbon in the soil.

Thank you for considering this.

Sincerely,

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