Dear Members of the House Rules Committee,

I am in Seattle at the moment taking care of our two young granddaughters (Seattle Public Schools are in the midst of a one week winter break), but I understand the House Rules Committee will be holding a hearing tomorrow evening on HB 4167, and that this bill is identical to the most recent version of SB 1530.

I would like to resubmit the testimony I offered on SB 1530 on behalf of HB 4167. Unfortunately, my original testimony is on my home computer in Portland and not on my laptop I have with me in Seattle. However, I was able to download a PDF of my earlier testimony from OLIS and have attached it here. Please assume that my reference to SB 1530 should now be interpreted with HB 6167.

I should mention that I decided to take a slightly different approach to my testimony in favor of this climate bill. I had noticed that several people who had testified in opposition argued that Oregon is a small state and that what we do on climate does not matter. They also argued that China in particular was not addressing its contribution to greenhouse gas emissions. I address these issues in my comments.

Since I have recently retired as a professor of energy policy and have been hired by two Chinese government agencies and some universities to assist in their efforts to move the Chinese energy utility industry away from fossil fuels and toward clean energy alternatives, it seemed important to set the record straight on China's extraordinary turn around in recent years toward a clean energy economy. Oregon can do the same and we can become a leader that other smaller and mid-sized states can look up to and follow.

I will also copy my wonderful Senator, Michael Dembrow, and wonderful Representative, Barbara Smith Warner, plus two other climate champions I admire and have had the honor of working with on earlier editions of this bill - Senator Kathleen Taylor and Representative Karin Power.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jeff Hammarlund, retired professor but still a concerned citizen