

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Helm and Smith, and Members of the House Committee on Energy and the Environment:

I am writing on behalf of HB2488 that requires us/Oregon to undo some of the damage we have done to our lands and air and peoples. I will begin by addressing the very last section of this Bill (sec. 12), the one that acknowledges the fact that this IS an emergency. This section is why all the previous sections are so vital. The emergency is upon us. That (sec. 8) funding is to be provided regularly makes this bill a practical one and not just lip service - thank you. Additionally, there being a specific timeline for implementation of these changes is another practical feature of this bill.

I urge you to pass HB2488 in the name of both the near and the distant future of our planet and its inhabitants.

Thank you,

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