

Dear Representatives,

I support HB 2488 as a critical step in helping our society start to give back to future generations rather than continuing to take from them.

There's no way to know when critical tipping points will arrive, but unless we turn this massive ship we call society, we know they will inevitably hit. Because of this, every day we delay addressing the unfolding climate disaster, any one of those days could be a tipping point day, which could cause between hundreds to thousands of years of degraded life for our descendants.

It broke my heart when my son told me that he and all of his friends believe that their future is bleak - that the planet is degrading and that the grown ups seem powerless to stop it. It broke my heart because I couldn't tell him he's wrong - as the time to prevent global scale climate shift has slipped by while we bicker and debate, and we are now only in a position to attempt damage control. It breaks my heart that I personally haven't done more to stop it.

That is why I'm offering this testimony - to implore you to hold in your awareness the gravity of every piece of climate legislation, as you not only represent Oregonians in your district, you also represent every Oregonian that will live in your district for the next ten thousand years - 400 generations.

Most sincerely,

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