

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Committee members,

As a retired scientist, mother, and grandmother, I am committed to solutions for the climate emergency because I care about the current and future devastating impacts of global warming, particularly on those who are least responsible. We have enough climate solutions today right now to stop climate change. It is not too late to seize this opportunity to build an incredible future where people and nature thrive.

Thus, I urge you, as you balance the Oregon State budget to prioritize the following:

- Fully fund state agencies working to address the climate emergency – natural resource, health and environmental protection, and energy. Until the legislature passes major new climate protections, the work that agencies and commissions are doing is the only route for major climate action in Oregon.

- Use state and federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to build back better, to advance investments in communities burdened with pollution, and to support a transition to a clean energy economy.

Sincerely,

D. Clark