

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chairs Pham and Reschke, and members of the committee: I am a small woodland owner in Corbett, and I have seen in our forest the early effects of climate change. There is now a longer fire season, with fire alerts starting this year in April due to low humidity and winds. A few years ago, we had to evacuate our farm due to the Eagle Creek Fire. Last September we were impacted for days with smoke higher than 590 ppm. As disturbing as these events are, the pale to insignificance compared with what is happening globally with increased spread and intensity of wildfires, more intense hurricanes and typhoons, flooding, and drought—causing many people in the poorest nations to experience food insecurity, malnutrition, and climate migration. We are already seeing the spread of mosquito-borne tropical diseases into higher latitudes and higher elevations. I urge you to pass HB 2021A on to a full vote of the House. We are at the 11th hour of urgency to act now to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and this bill would allow Oregon to do its part in providing 100% clean energy to its citizens by 2040.