

I would like to express my resounding support for SJM 5 and the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (EICDA). As an avid outdoor enthusiast, it is heartbreaking to see the effects of climate change begin to alter the beautiful Oregon landscape. The fires this summer were a frightening reminder that climate change is not some distant threat but rather a problem that is already on our doorsteps. The solution proposed in EICDA will ensure that we adopt a long-lasting, sustainable solution to address the threat of climate change. Carbon fees/dividends will help us slowly wean off fossil fuels while ensuring that low and middle income families are not adversely affected. The gradual increase in cost of fossil fuel energy will spurn more innovation and investment in renewables, and the dividends will offset the increased costs for the average consumer. I strongly believe a bi-partisan solution will be much more effective because it will create a more permanent framework for change, and voting yes for SJM 5 will allow Oregon to lead the way in this effort. I thank you for your consideration.