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To whom it may concern:

I urge you to support an important first step for stemming the climate emergency, putting a price on carbon.

The majority of Americans – and Oregonians – agree: climate change is a costly crisis that we can and must address. Our elected leaders – backed by their constituents – should quickly and effectively end carbon pollution that is warming the atmosphere, disrupting natural processes and destroying communities and ecosystems.

Businesses, universities, non-profits and legislators from both sides of the aisle have signaled: a price on carbon is an efficient, straightforward, apolitical approach. Once in place, a carbon fee can be paid out as dividends to impoverished families or fund critical infrastructure and green jobs.

Please take this first step: Let Oregon and the U.S. lead - and join other nations - in finally internalizing the true cost of carbon pollution to our communities and planet.

Thank you,  
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