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On Behalf
Of:

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Government, and Veterans

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Hello and thank you for considering my thoughts on HB 2601. I am an Oregonian and father of two. As my children grow up, I worry about the future that they face in Oregon. There will certainly continue to be larger and hotter forest fires. As the ocean absorbs more CO2, it will continue to acidify-- thinning the exoskeletons of planktons and threatening the Salmon population. Loss of snowpack will not only impact our ski season but it will further threaten the Columbia River Basin. We cannot ignore the cause of this-- continued investment in fossil fuels. As Bill McKibben says, "to counter climate change we need to stop burning things".

I strongly support HB 2601. We must divest from fossil fuels to protect Oregon. We cannot wait to act. We must invest now in a clean, renewable future and divest from the run away train of fossil fuels.

Thank you for your support on HB 2601.

Sincerely,

Joel Birchler