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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General
Government, and Veterans

Measure: HB2601

Dear Chair Grayber, Vice-Chairs Tran and Lewis, members of the committee.

My name is Naomi Hemstreet. I am sixteen years old and I live in Multnomah County. I am a climate justice advocate with Sunrise Movement PDX.

I support HB 2601 because the climate crisis is here and fossil fuel investments will only exacerbate this crisis.

In the past few years, I have seen the many ways the climate crisis manifests in my community. I have witnessed ice storms that cut off power to over 250,000 people. I have witnessed intense heat waves that have killed life of all kinds. I have witnessed wildfires that scorched our forests and forced thousands of Oregonians to evacuate. All around me, I see the effects of climate change.

Yet the Treasury continues to fund fossil fuels, which release greenhouse gasses and lead to worldwide climate change effects. We must take drastic action to stop the climate crisis, and this begins with supporting HB 2601: The Treasury Investment and Climate Protection Act. This bill will end new fossil fuel investments and phase out current investments by 2035.

Oregon is a leader in legislation that will move the state towards a safe, sustainable future. The Treasury needs to stop undermining this legislation by continuing to fund fossil fuels.

I want to have a future where I don't have to worry about climate change. I don't want to worry about families whose homes are threatened by dangerous wildfires. I don't want to worry about whether people are able to stay warm when unprecedented ice storms cause power outages. I don't want to worry whether communities have water to drink and are able to stay cool during heat waves.

Please support HB 2601 so that we can all have a safe future.

Thank you,
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