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To Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley and members of the Committee:

Since moving to Portland in 2009 from Central Oregon, I've been engaged in activism for a livable future. As a forester's daughter, I was always raised to leave a place better than I found it. Early on in my activism, I became aware of the Global Warming Commission and the strong committed leadership, with almost no budget, chaired then by a man of superlative commitment and integrity, Angus Duncan, now Chair Emeritus.

That Board was instrumental in many advancements planning for a livable future in Oregon including: forest carbon accounting, planning toward 2020 and now the TIGHGER project.

With passage of SB522, Oregon will adopt the latest scientific standards and continue to lead to meet the accelerated goals with excellent oversight. I recognize the vital role of the OGWC in overseeing and informing the state's climate policy agenda. And it is timely for a name change to Oregon Climate Action Commission. With less than a decade remaining to cut global greenhouse gas emission in half to avoid catastrophic and irreversible climate impacts, the urgency of the climate crisis has never been more stark. SB522 is greatly needed for a coordinated response in Oregon. While we cannot change the course of the world, we can do the best we can to leave Oregon a place for life.

Thank you for your consideration and all you do for Oregon.