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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB3016

Dear Legislators,

I strongly support this bill. Most Oregonians live in towns or cities and many suffer from a lack of trees in their communities. Unfortunately trees are often removed completely when new developments are built and also removed to widen roads etc. This leaves too many community in barren concrete neighborhoods especially lower income people. Just drive to the wealthier neighborhoods and you will usually see a beautiful diverse canopy of trees giving people needed shade and cleaning the air. But in lower income areas there are often few trees. Trees don't just help cool neighborhoods but they also provide a sense of calm and tranquility that most humans crave. Let's help our communities restore nature to improve lives. Thank you for reading my testimony.