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On Behalf Of: Eugene Springfield Interfaith EarthKeepers
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
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Testimony SB 854

Chair Dembrow and Vice Chair Weber and other Members of this Committee

I am the Reverend Dennis Reynolds, a semi-retired Unitarian Universalist Minister. I live in Eugene where I am an Affiliated Community Minister with the Eugene Unitarian Universalist Church and active with Eugene Springfield Interfaith EarthKeepers. I also serve as an interim Consulting Minister with the Unpqua Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Roseburg. In addition I serve as a Council appointed member of the City of Eugene Sustainability Commission.

As an engaged citizen, as a clergy person, and, most significantly, as a parent and a grandparent, I want to urge you to approve SB 854 to establish clear and accurate information for all Oregon students. The wildfires and the heat domes of recent years have shown us all that the climate crisis is not something far away either in geography or time.

As a clergy person engaged in interfaith work, I answer the call to act to protect all of creation.

As a former educator and a parent and grandparent, I want all Oregon's children to have the best knowledge possible to address the realities of climate threats that will likely only worsen in their future. They need accurate information to help them best know how to respond.

It is their future and we need to give them the best tools possible to address the climate realities that will directly impact their lives.

Please support this legislation for their sake and the sake of all creation. Thanks you for your work and attention to my testimony.

In faith,
Reverend Dennis Reynolds
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