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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Natural
Resources

Measure: HB5018

Dear Committee on Natural Resources of the Joint Ways and Means,
Over the past few years I've watched with delight as the people's concerns for encroaching climate chaos have been heard through Executive Order and new bills. Now with HB 5018 we are at a critical juncture of biennial funding for the actions in dire need of implementation by DEQ especially. Ever-worsening climate impacts across the state have made it clearer than ever that we need to reduce emissions and protect Oregon communities on the frontline of climate impacts. Oregon has responded by initiating strong programs, including the Climate Protection Program, Clean Fuels Program, Clean Truck Rules, and other programs that DEQ is responsible for managing.

I strongly urge your support of several Policy Option Packages related to implementation of these programs.

- POP 114, to support implementation of the Climate Protection and the Clean Fuels Programs
- POP 115, to support implementation of the Community Climate Investment program
- POP 140, to support Environmental Justice coordination
- POP 142, to support state and federal grant coordination
- POP 110, to support implementation of Title V of the federal Clean Air Act, and
- POP 112, to add a transportation manager and fund a med/heavy duty truck charging pilot project

Inaction at this time will continue to cost Oregon greatly in loss of human health and the capacity to respond going forward.

Thank you for your consideration,