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Testimony to Oregon Ways & Means on 2023 State Budget priorities

Co-Chairs Steiner and Sanchez and members of the committee:

I'm writing to express my strong support for funding the following critical climate bills in this session:

- SB 530 the Natural Climate Solutions bill - As an organic farmer for 13 years in Eugene I watched my farm struggle through the heat dome of 2021, the Holiday fire of 2020, and many warmer summers and drier winters. We need to prioritize carbon sequestration on farms via compost, cover crops, no-till methods and water efficiency now. California's central valley is leading on regenerative agriculture and we should model many of the methods all ready in use there, along with their coalitions built between environmental scientists and farmers.
- SB 868,869,870,871 - Resilient Buildings Package. - Building efficiency and moving to clean electricity must be a priority in this year's budget.
- SB 522 - Modernizing the Oregon Global Warming Commission (OGWC) - Increases statewide emission reduction targets

Additionally, I am a recent trained leader in Al Gore's Climate Reality Project and our mission is to educate communities on the significant funding coming from the federal Inflation Reduction Act. This bill is already energizing new clean energy development around the U.S. but its potential impact here in Oregon includes:

- If Oregon successfully ramps up to 100% electric adoption by the end of the IRA, **\$12B in residential electrification benefits** will have been invested across every community, generating **20,319 direct and 70,723 total new jobs** in Oregon.
- The 676K low- and moderate-income (LMI) households in Oregon would be eligible for an average of up to **\$10K in Electrification Rebates** through the IRA. Rebates are reduced at the time of sale on invoices.
- All 1.6M households in Oregon would be eligible for an average of **\$6,497 in tax credits** and an average of **\$595 in performance rebates**.
- Carpe Diem Oregon! We can not take our foot off the pedal of moving to a clean energy future. This summer's expected heat will make that clear!

Sincerely,
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