

TESTIMONY TO WAYS AND MEANS for  
Support of increased Funding for the  
BUILDING RESILIENCE PACKAGE OF BILLS

Good afternoon co-chairs Steiner and Sanchez, members of the Committee. For the record my name is Loretta Rivard. I am a retired Occupational Therapist living in Corvallis. I write to you today to implore you to fully utilize the IRA for Oregon's climate mitigation needs.

We have passed up prior opportunities to seriously address the challenge of climate change. With each missed opportunity, we make it harder to prevent the worst effects of climate change.

I used to work on this issue for the sake of my 3 young grandchildren. As the climate problem worsened, I said I did it to spare my grown children from a quickly worsening climate situation. But once again, we have procrastinated in seriously addressing GHG emissions.

The catastrophically fast melting polar ice caps, and the huge releases of methane gas from melting permafrost are examples of the horrifying surprises we face. Nobody knows how this will unfold. What we do know is that we need to urgently prioritize the slowing of GHG emissions.

Why wait until our precious youth are living lives of despair and anger due to the crises they face? Why wait until we are overwhelmed with climate refugees?

We must seize this opportunity to address climate change by fully funding the Resilient, Efficient Buildings bill package.

Thanks for listening,  
Loretta Rivard