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On Behalf
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Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General
Government, and Veterans

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Good afternoon committee members. I am writing in strong support of HB 4083 to divest in the coal industry, for two reasons: one reason is to protect the financial interests of Oregonians whose support institutions that are invested in coal, such as PERS. I myself am a PERS member. As I understand it, coal is no longer a good investment and our organizations invested thus are losing money. Coal is a dying industry and we should protect our investments by getting out. The other reason I support HB 4083 is because of coal's terrible polluting impacts on communities as well as it's outsized impacts on climate change. Climate change is a fact and we must take action to arrest these heavily polluting industries. Others are disinvesting, we don't want to be among the last. Thank you for your honest consideration,
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