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On Behalf
Of:

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

Measure: HB4083

To the members of the House Committee on Emergency Management, General
Government, and Veterans,

I am Freddy Finney-Jordet; I use he and him pronouns. I am a climate activist based
in Bend, and a student at Willamette University here in Salem.

Each year in the late Summer, I am reminded of the severity of the climate crisis
when the skies of Central Oregon are turned orange by smoke from wildfires. It didn't
used to be an annual occurrence. But like with so many other climate change-fueled
disasters around the world, the rare and shocking has become regular.

As the climate crisis continues to worsen over time, I know that much of its burden
will be borne by my generation. That's not to say nothing is being done now—I am
very grateful of the legislature's previous action on climate solutions, including the
100% Clean Energy for All bill, and the Healthy Homes bill.

As a member of that generation, it is clear to me that we simply cannot reduce the
effects of climate change that I see every summer while continuing to fund the
exacerbation of the crisis. For this reason, I was excited to learn about HB4083.
Divesting state funds from coal is an excellent and crucial step toward ending the
climate crisis. I would be honored to be represented by a legislature that takes such
action to protect my generation.

I urge you to please move HB4083, in its strongest form, forward through the
legislature, and to prioritize its passage, so I may live to see summers without wildfire
smoke and a world that will outlast me.

Thank you for your valuable time.

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