

February 7, 2024

To: Representative Dacia Grayber, Chair House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

RE: Support House Bill 4083, The Coal Act

Dear Chair Grayber and members of the committee,

On behalf of the Coast Range Association, I submit this testimony in support of HB 4083. By now, the economic benefits to divestment from fossil fuel investments, coal in particular, are well known. Due to the coal industry's impacts on human and health and massive carbon pollution impact, divestment from coal is also the right thing to do on a moral level.

We find it both confusing and unconscionable that Oregon would continue to make these immoral and financially irresponsible investments. We encourage you to protect Oregon's financial security by voting to advance HB 4083 out of committee.

Thank you for your consideration, and for your commitment to public service. Sincerely,

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