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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB1559

We appreciate the opportunity to show my strong support for SB1559. We are healthcare providers for Providence and have been treating patients for nearly a decade in this area.

We have worked with underserved communities in multiple settings including the ICU and home health. We witness the direct impact climate change has on the most vulnerable members of our society ranging from COPD exacerbations from forest fire smoke to heatstroke in our elderly population. Just last month our home health team found a grandmother of 3 passed away in her home from hypothermia during the ice storms.

Just as our career, we must make decisions for the wellbeing of our community based on the best evidence we have available. Scientists are repeatedly exhibiting that our irresponsible and excessive consumption of fossil fuels is putting our planet's health in jeopardy. We've already exceeded the 1.5 C rise in temperature; but there is so much we can still save. This bill is a critical pillar in reducing our emissions and working towards the rehabilitation program our environment so desperately needs.

We want to know our representatives made progressive, urgent adjustments to our policies and funding based on this evidence. Our daughter and future generations deserve to be left with a habitable home. Please show your solidarity with very concerned parents and healthcare workers by supporting SB1559.

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