Dear Committee:

Sequestration of CO2 in basalt is one of several very promising pathways to accomplish GGR, and we will need ALL the pathways in order to achieve the targets laid out by the IPCC.

Achieving the level of GGR required will likely make GGR a \$T+ industry. Oregon is blessed with many natural and human resources that could enable Oregon to be a leader in this new \$T industry. As one example, Oregon is situated on top of one the planet's largest basalt formations, the <u>Columbia River Basalt Group</u>.

I urge the committee to support this important item in the Governor's requested budget.

Sincerely,

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