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Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3477

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To: Rep. John Lively, Chair; Rep. Mark Gamba and Rep. Bobby Levi, Vice Chairs
House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment

Re: HB 3477 – Updating Oregon’s Greenhouse Gas Emission Targets – Support

The members of 350.org Washington County believe that climate change is a serious threat facing our nation and planet, and we support climate goals consistent with the best available science that will ensure a stable climate system for future generations.

Any possibility for successful outcomes for this existential crisis requires laws, regulations, and policies to mitigate climate change and its impact. Members of 350.org Washington County strongly support HB 3477, in that it remedies unfinished business from 2024, and provides a much-needed update of Oregon’s greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goals in current statute, consistent with practices to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

ORS 468A.205, enacted in 2007, established reduction goals for 2010, 2020, and 2050 based on the best science at the time, and created the Oregon Global Warming Commission (now Oregon Climate Action Commission) to track the state’s progress toward achieving those goals. However, the interim goals are now woefully out of date and need to be modernized. HB 3477 will update Oregon’s current 2050 goal and replace the outdated interim goals with new goals for 2030 and 2040, in line with current science and global agreements. In future, Oregon’s climate policy should focus on these updated targets.

HB 3477 declares these targets as policy goals and states explicitly that it would not authorize any additional regulatory action by an agency of the executive branch.

350.org Washington County urges your support for HB 3477.

Thank you for your consideration.

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