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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 – I Strongly Support

Time is short to save human and other life on planet Earth. In spite of naysayers who want to turn their backs, I believe that it matters to take any and every action that may be of value to slow and mitigate oncoming climate devastation.

Without goal setting we can’t track and measure our success. More accurate and scientifically significant goals make for better outcomes. The updated targets in HB 3477 are in line with international standards and the U.S. National Climate Assessment. Our current targets were set in 2007 and are very out of date. All of the updates in this Bill make make a great deal of common sense and I appreciate the work done to bring this Bill forward.

In our small part of the world we have seen climate change is harming us already with crop-damaging heat domes and extreme weather. Massive water insecurity is coming our way in the future as well. I hope that rural community members and farmers are aware of that. In other parts of the world, even more massive impacts of lack of action are becoming visible daily. Monster hurricanes are devastating the US, year-round wildfires are devouring California and Europe, and millions are starving in Sudan.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this Bill.

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