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Chair Lively, Vice Chairs Gamba and Levy, and members of the committee,

Oregon must do its part to cut climate pollution while accelerating our transition to clean energy in all sectors. Business as usual-- continuing to burn fossil fuels when we know the harm it does to our health, the economy, and the climate we depend on for survival-- is a dereliction of our responsibility to our neighbors, children, and grandchildren. It is our responsibility to pass on a better world to them.

The first step in fulfilling our responsibility is to have the right goals. Oregon's goals for reducing greenhouse gas pollution have not been updated in 18 years. An entire generation has grown up since then. An entire generation that has not received the care and leadership from this generation that it deserves. Scientific understanding of climate pollution and the crisis it has caused has progressed a long way since Oregon's goals were last amended. It's time to catch up. Please pass HB 3477 with the urgency it demands.

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