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I write in support of HB 3477, which will strengthen Oregon's outdated commitments to cut carbon pollution. The growing perils of climate change are deeply worrying for our children and grandchildren, as they question the future of a livable planet. There's growing concern about the intensity of extreme weather, especially wildfires, in our state, region and world. Add to that the exploding costs of recovery from these events, and I worry that Oregon will hit a wall we will regret.

So please, let's ramp up our goals as outlined in HB 3477. Let's set new targets to reduce GHGs by 45%, 70% and 95% in 2030, 2040, and 2050, respectively. And let's use to the greatest degree possible Oregon's newly recognized ability to naturally store and sequester carbon through its forests, fields, marshes, and other natural resources. Without goal setting we can't measure our success. The suggested 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 Our current targets were set in 2007 and are very out of date. Thank you for considering my input.

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