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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3477

Dear Chair Lively, Vice Chairs Gamba and Levy, and Members of the Committee,

I urge you to support HB 3477, a bill to update Oregon's outdated greenhouse gas reduction goals to align with the best available science and our peer states.

The state has had climate goals in statute and has had it as a policy of the state to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions since 2007. Since that time, the urgency of the climate crisis has become increasingly stark.

Reducing climate reductions will provide public health and economic co-benefits, by improving air quality and health outcomes, and by positioning Oregon to be a leader in producing clean energy technologies that the entire world is seeking in the clean energy transition.

Oregon has not updated its climate goals in 18 years. HB 3477 will fix that by aligning our state greenhouse gas reduction targets to reflect the best available science consistent with limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees celsius.

I strongly urge you to support HB 3477.