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I very strongly support HB 3477, which will align our state greenhouse gas reduction targets to reflect the best available science consistent with limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees celsius. The bill will also add new goals for achieving net zero emissions by no later than 2050. I believe that this is necessary, because despite broad scientific consensus urging immediate climate emissions reductions—and devastating climate impacts affecting the lives and livelihoods of Oregonians across the state—Oregon has not updated its climate goals in 17 years. In my neighborhood and nearby towns in Yamhill and Washington Counties, I have seen these impacts in drought related water shortages, particularly in Yamhill, and in the struggles of farmers and rural folks trying to grow their own food. The most devastating impact that I am aware of is the increased danger of wildfire, which threatened areas of Bald Peak near my home in 2020, the nearby town of Cherry Grove, which faced evacuations in 2020 and 2024, and of course has and continues to pose grave threats to many communities in eastern, central and southern Oregon. Please consider the need to address the underlying causes of these serious problems, and support this bill. Thank you.