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On Behalf Of:

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As a parent and grandparent and a Board Member of the Lake Oswego Sustainability Network (LOSN), I strongly support HB 3477, which will update Oregon's climate emission goals..

LOSN is a non-profit group, dedicated to promoting sustainable practices in our community. We hold events, send out newsletters, and offer programs for our community to educate and motivate our citizens to switch to a clean and healthy lifestyle to protect our future citizens. Thousands of Lake Oswego citizens take part in our programs, and local surveys show that climate change and sustainability are key concerns in our area.

I support the plan to update our state's climate goals. The current goals, adopted in 2007, are outdated. New goals, which are in line with current science, will better allow us to plan for and track progress. Climate change is a key issue for Oregonians. We have experienced heat waves and fires that impact our businesses, our farms, and the comfort and health of our citizens. In Lake Oswego, people are working diligently to reduce their emissions by switching to EV's and electric appliances. We need clear guidance in this work. An exciting aspect of HB 3477, is that the methodology allows us to demonstrate how we can achieve net zero by 2050 by incorporating data from our forests, which are storing and sequestering carbon.

I am a retired nurse practitioner who teaches CPR to our community. One of the American Heart Association's tenets is that "you cannot improve what you do not measure." Updated goals will give us a road map and allow us to measure our progress. I urge the passage of HB 3477.

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