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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3477

Dear Madams / Sirs,

I would like to share with you my feelings on HB 3477.

I think it is so sad and so wrong how we have neglected getting completely serious about acting urgently and concretely to stop the rising concentration of CO2 in the atmosphere. We have known about this problem for decades, but have pretty much ignored it. Please take the time to research the summaries of the mountains of credible data and research that has been done. Read one of the many credible books such as 'The Parrot and the Igloo' or films such as 'Climate Extremes'. There has been so much credible evidence to prove for, and nothing to prove against, that our burning of fossil fuels is the cause of our problem. There is no doubt about the cause of the increased CO2 and the effect that it has on the world's climate.

I've long blamed the fossil fuel industry for this but have come to realize that it is our elected officials who are to blame. You have the responsibility of protecting us: getting facts from reliable sources and making decisions based on these facts, not based on paying back favors or who gives the most money. You have the final say on the laws, regulations and incentives to lead us through this transition. As far as concerns about the costs of transitioning away from fossil fuels to renewable energy, this finite amount of money doesn't compare to the infinite amount that it has cost and will cost in lives and money from the extreme events that continue to happen more frequently and with more severity. Please consider your responsibility, the futures of your children and grandchildren and all generations the world over. We have had the knowledge and technology to combat this for decades. It is finally time that we add our wisdom.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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