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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB681

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of SB 681.

I am a PERS member and also a mother and grandmother, and outdoor enthusiast who cares deeply about slowing and mitigating climate change.

As someone who depends on the continued strength of PERS in order to pay my monthly bills, this issue and SB 681 are of personal importance to me. Why should our leaders take unnecessary risks with the current and future income of the 400,000 Oregonians who depend on the payments from PERS? We should not.

The future of oil is now on a collision course with the future of our planet. Now is not the time to assist or invest in fossil fuel industries. On the contrary we should be investing in green energy, especially since solar is now the world's cheapest source of energy and renewable capacity is growing at an incredible speed.

The Pause Act calls for no NEW investments in the fossil fuel industry for only 5 years and there are plenty of alternative investments that are safe and secure. It's important that the Legislature takes tangible action NOW!

Please vote the Pause Act out of committee. Thank you for your support of SB 681.

Sincerely,

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