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Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3477

To: Co-Chairs Helm, Owens and Members of the Committee

I urge you to support HB3477. For too long Oregon has had GHG reduction targets – what we hope to achieve. In today’s environment with an ever worsening climate crisis including here in Oregon extended droughts, increased frequency and severity of wildfires, and more extreme weather, hope is no longer good enough. We need hard and fast goals that the state is accountable to achieving.

I am pleased that we have both intermediate goals as well as a 2050 goal to achieve net zero emissions. To do so Oregon will need to depend on a variety of natural climate solutions. Fortunately we have one of the most effective natural climate solutions on the globe, which is to grow trees longer. As most of you know, Oregon’s forests are among the most carbon dense in the world. To make this bill even stronger you should amend this bill to include goals reflecting carbon drawdown from the atmosphere.

Sincerely,

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\*\* The OLCV sponsored group, MCAT, Mobilizing Climate Action Together, is a community of volunteers working to ensure that Oregon builds a healthy climate and green-energy economy for future generations. We participate in the Oregon Climate Action Plan coalition and partner with others on coordinated action. We actively organize to elect legislators that will work for strong climate legislation.