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To: House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment

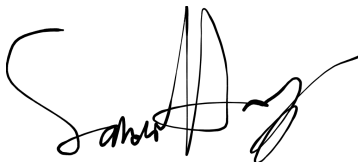
Subject: Support HB 3477

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chair Gamba, Vice-Chair Levy, and Members of the Committee,

Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility (Oregon PSR) is an organization of over 2,000 health professionals and public health advocates working to address the gravest threats to human health and survival. Greenhouse gases (GHGs) are a danger to public health and must be reduced as soon as possible to live on a hospitable and healthy planet for all. For this reason, Oregon PSR is submitting testimony in support of HB 3477. This bill sets new state targets to reduce GHGs by 45%, 70%, and 95% in 2030, 2040, and 2050, respectively, and sets a new goal to attain net zero emissions no later than 2050. These updated goals are vital in ensuring we pave the way for timely and urgent GHGs reductions.

Oregonians are already experiencing the impacts of climate change, including extreme heat, winter storms, floods, and wildfire smoke. Unfortunately, it looks like our situation will only get worse. In 2024, Earth exceeded 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) of warming every month, suggesting the world will probably exceed the 1.5 degrees Celsius threshold over the next 20 years. With record-breaking and unprecedented climate events happening more frequently and severely, we must update our key climate target goals to reflect the current science and need for action. Oregon PSR strongly urges you to pass HB 3477 out of the committee.

Sincerely,



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