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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3477

Dear Chair Lively and Members of the Climate, Energy and Environment Committee,

My name is Ann Turner. I live in Portland, Oregon and am a retired physician. I am a member of Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility and Co-President of the Board. Oregon PSR works to protect human life from the gravest threats to health and survival. Climate change is the single greatest threat to public health.

As a physician, I worked at Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center, caring primarily for low income and minority patients, those most vulnerable to the devastating impacts climate change.

I strongly urge you to support and pass HB 3477.

We must have goals in order to measure our success. These targets align with both international and U.S. standards and replace our very outdated standards of 2007. We can't deny that we are already living in climate crisis in Oregon with wildfires and heat domes that have already taken lives, destroyed entire communities and cost the state billions of dollars. Having interim targets spurs us to act now and not wait until the last minute when it will be too late.

As a physician, I am concerned about the fact that burning fossil fuels creates massive amounts of air pollution and reducing this will allow us to breathe cleaner air. Air pollution worldwide accounts for almost 20% of all deaths.

Moving to renewable energy also spurs our economy by creating green local energy jobs and reduces our dependency on other states.

Please pass HB 3477 for the health and wellbeing of all Oregonians.

Thank you,

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