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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Chair Neron,

House Committee on Education

Dear Members of the House Committee on Education,

I am writing in support of HB 3365-2, a bill which sets much needed standards for climate resilience education.

Climate change instruction is a crucial part of understanding the severe impacts our environment has faced and will face in the future. Not only do we need government and industry solutions, but we need to ensure future generations are well-equipped to tackle climate change.

Students in my district, my own children, and children across the country have experienced more climate impacts – such as drought, floods, and wildfires – and are most fearful for their future. Climate literacy is a tool we can give them to approach climate change with knowledge, experience, and more solutions.

With California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, Rhode Island, Virginia, and Wisconsin moving toward the implementation of climate change instruction, it is key that Oregon joins this effort. Climate change is a global issue, and students everywhere are going to face greater challenges in the future. Oregon's participation in climate literacy efforts will promote a culture of knowledge and a prepared generation.

We must do better for our students, we must give them the tools to succeed, and we must implement interdisciplinary learning standards for climate change.

I urge you to support HB 3365-2.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

State Representative

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Finger McDonald". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Representative Sarah Finger McDonald