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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB681

I am a retiree and PERS recipient—having given 30 years of public service to this state—writing in support of SB 681, the Pause Act.

As a proud longtime Oregonian, I have deep concerns about the fossil fuel industry and its devastating impact on our Oregon communities and ecosystems. I do not wish to be contributing to that destructive and increasingly obsolete industry with my investment dollars, nor engaging in a devil's bargain to pay my bills. Moreover, it turns out that fossil fuel investments are not even good business. They are ineffective and risky. From a financial as well as an ethical standpoint, it is time for PERS to pivot to clean energy or other investments as alternatives to the fossil fuel industry. Please help protect the state we all love from the ravages of climate change, and protect the retirement incomes of Oregonians like me, by voting the Pause Act out of committee.

Sincerely,  
Jan Underwood (HD 46)