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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2960

My name is Amanda Duncan, and I'm a member of Climate Reality Project Portland Chapter who cares deeply about finding climate solutions that protect the health and future of all Oregonians. I urge you to support HB 2960 to prohibit the establishment or operation of harmful plastic conversion facilities in the state.

Plastic pollution is a real problem, but plastic conversion or "chemical recycling" is not the solution. Plastic conversion technologies such as pyrolysis and gasification require an enormous amount of energy and release climate-harming carbon dioxide and harmful toxic emissions. These two technologies are estimated to have costs and environmental impacts that are 10-100 times higher than virgin plastic. To address climate and plastic pollution, we must decrease the amount of plastic used in the first place.

Please protect our communities and our environment by supporting HB 2960.

Sincerely,

Amanda Duncan