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Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez, Members of the Committee:

My name is Rich Peppers, and I live in Portland in the Montevilla Neighborhood. I am a volunteer with Mobilizing Climate Action Together (MCAT) and I co-chair our Transportation Committee. I appreciate you taking the time to tour the state and hear from the public.

My overarching thought is that Oregon has over the past years put some mechanisms in place to reduce greenhouse gasses, as well as particulate emissions. Where possible, more should be done to achieve the emissions reductions that are necessary, and we also need to strengthen community climate resilience. To support resilience, I urge you to fund budgets items such as:

\$25 million for Community Renewable Energy Projects, as envisioned in SB 5518, and

\$10 million for Community Resilience Hubs (within the Oregon Dept of Human Services)

To further drive down greenhouse gas emissions and unhealthy particulates, I urge you to focus on the transportation sector, still responsible for the biggest portion of greenhouse gas emissions of all economic sectors, by encouraging further electrification with, for instance:

\$30 million for Medium and Heavy Duty Electric Vehicle Rebates & Infrastructure Grants (DEQ), and

\$30 million for the Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program, esp. the Charge Ahead program which targets the rebates to low-income people for a used or new EV purchase.

I would be willing to pay more for a transportation system that first prioritizes safety and maintenance, as well as the development of transit and active transportation options, as opposed to the expensive mega projects. Revenue options should incentivize emissions reductions, hold agencies accountable for their use of funds, and be structured to charge low-income payers proportionally the least.

Thank you.