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On Behalf Of:

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Natural Resources

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Topic:

Co-chairs Frederick and Levy, members of the Committee.

I appreciate this opportunity to testify in support of SB 5520, a bill that proposes biennial funding for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). In the blizzard of actions at the federal level, one thing is clear: there will be less Federal funding for high priority environmental activities, from wildfire suppression to funding for clean and air water. This situation makes it even more important to provide robust support for State funding to protect our environment. In my long life, I have moved from taking the environment for granted to experiencing smoky summers, cancelled camping trips due to wildfires, increased allergies, and a much warmer Eugene that when I arrived nearly 50 years ago.

In the current political chaos, please remember the importance of addressing our climate crisis and fund DEQ accordingly.

Sincerely,

Hillary Kittleson