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On Behalf Of:

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Co-chairs Frederick and Levy, members of the Committee, for the record my name is Denise Jessup, proud resident of Eugene and Lane County since 1997.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in support of SB 5520, a bill that would provide biennial funding for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Ever-worsening climate impacts across the state have made clearer than ever the need to reduce emissions and protect Oregon communities on the frontline of climate impacts. I have experienced climate issues personally via forest fire smoke and limited access to natural areas up the McKenzie River during fire season.

At the same time that Oregonians and communities across the country are facing climate disasters and rising energy costs, the federal government is advancing dangerous rollbacks to climate and environmental justice protections.

Please support DEQ's ever-vital work in advancing Oregon's climate goals, ensuring healthy, resilient communities, and supporting clean energy job growth across Oregon by supporting a strong agency budget and voting yes on SB 5520.

Many thanks for your time and your service.

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