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On Behalf Of:

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Natural Resources

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I strongly support SB 5520. The terrible 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. At the same time, the federal government is advancing dangerous rollbacks to climate and environmental justice protections. With the cascade of federal rollbacks underway, DEQ's work to restore, maintain and enhance the quality of Oregon's air, land and water has never been more critical.

Strong implementation of Oregon's cornerstone Climate Protection Program, Clean Fuels Program, Clean Truck Rules, and other DEQ programs are essential to ensuring a healthy climate future and continued growth in Oregon's clean energy economy.

I urge you to ensure that DEQ is well resourced to implement these essential programs to help us meet our climate goals while reducing air pollution, improving public health, delivering benefits for Oregon jobs, families, and the economy.

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.