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On Behalf Of:

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Natural Resources

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5520

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 5520, a bill that proposes biennial funding for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). I am in my seventies and while the increase in climate related disasters is certainly concerning to me, when I think about the world that my children and grandchildren will inhabit, I am filled with horror. And, they will be in a much better place to handle the challenges than people in much of the less developed world, who weren't responsible for the magnitude of the problem.

I am asking for your strong support of SB5520, which provides funding for all of the climate programs run by the DEQ. With all of the anticipated federal rollbacks underway, DEQ has never been more important in its work to restore, maintain and enhance the quality of Oregon's air, land, and water. I strongly urge your support of POPs #111 and #170, which will support funding for Oregon's Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program and address Critical Resource Gaps to address resource deficiencies and chronic underfunding affecting critical agency services and functions as highlighted in a 2024 Secretary of State audit. I also encourage you to prioritize the incentive programs such as Medium and Heavy Duty Electric Vehicle Rebates.

Your support here benefits not only me and my family but all families in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Nancy Mills