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Natural Resources

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Testimony in Support of SB5520

The news from Washington DC is devastating. I raise my voice with the untold millions who decry the destruction that is being perpetrated on us in so many areas of our lives. The greatest challenge is:

What can we do to diminish the destruction?

I feel fortunate to live in a forward-looking state where concern about the quality of the environment has long been a priority. Now we need to reinforce and solidify that support.

You can help:

- Support 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.
- Prioritize continued investments in key legislatively-established incentive programs that DEQ is responsible for implementing: the Medium and Heavy Duty Electric Vehicle Rebates & Infrastructure Grants and Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program / Charge Ahead program.  
By accelerating the adoption of electric trucks and vehicles, these programs are delivering cleaner air, better public health, and improved economic mobility for Oregonians.
- 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 clean energy Oregon jobs.

Please support DEQ's vital work in advancing Oregon's climate goals that ensure healthy, resilient communities, and provide clean energy job growth across Oregon.

Support a strong agency budget and vote yes on SB 5520.

Thank you for your time.  
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