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I'm writing to ask that my comments be made part of the hearing record on SB 477 on March 25, 2015.

My name is Inga Fisher Williams and I live in Portland [2824 NE Cesar Chavez Blvd]; I am a constituent of Sen. Dembrow.

SB 477 deserves your support since it designs a pathway to a greener, sustainable energy future for Oregon and the transition period of a decade is a reasonable time for phasing out coal as a way to produce electricity for Oregon customers by the investor-owned utilities.

It makes no sense to invest in costly retrofits when the same capital can be deployed for new generating capacity that is not tied to the CO2 generation and pollution of coal. Moreover, as Boardman's negotiated phase out has demonstrated, utilities are not opposed to cost-effective solutions to our climate change dilemma.

Finally, as a long-time Oregon resident [1970], I am inspired by Tom McCall's example to lead Oregon into a clean and environmentally conscious future. You have a chance to add to Oregon's history and avoid that Oregon will fall behind our neighboring states, California and Washington.

I urge you to help prepare the path to a clean energy future and support SB 477.

Thank you.

Inga Fisher Williams