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PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL WARMING

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Representative Jessica Vega Pederson, Chair
Members of the House Committee on Energy and Environment
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

RE: House Bill 2092

Dear Chair Vega Pederson and Members of the Committee,

We write in support of HB 2092 and urge you to pass the bill. Climate Solutions is a regional non-profit working to accelerate practical and profitable solutions to global warming. HB 2092 provides tax incentives to purchase zero emission vehicles. The benefits to Oregon from electric vehicles are significant, including reduced pollution and keeping more of the dollars we spend on transportation close to home.

A study by Drive Oregon released earlier this year included strong findings due to increased reliance on electric vehicles.¹ The 5,000 electric vehicles already on the road in Oregon are estimated to contribute just over \$10 million annually to the state economy, and generate over \$675,000 in state and local tax revenue. Further, if 15% of new car buyers in the state chose electric, those car purchases would contribute between \$113-\$182 million annually to Oregon's economy.

Oregon has committed to science-based greenhouse gas reduction goals, to cut pollution 75% below 1990 levels by 2050.² While a wide variety of state and local policies have us chipping away at these goals, there remain significant barriers to reaching these targets: **cars and coal**.³ The 2015 legislature has the opportunity this session to deal with both of these. HB 2092 is one policy that can move Oregon closer to our pollution reduction goals. We urge you to pass the bill.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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¹ <http://driveoregon.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Oregon-EV>Returns.pdf>

² Oregon Revised Statutes § 468A.205

³ Oregon Global Warming Commission presentations; eg.,
<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/201311/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/30195>