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To: Patrino Beth
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Dear Members of the House Energy and Environment Committee,

As a person active with Oregon Climate, I am submitting this formal appeal to our legislature at the level of the House of Representatives to pass HB 3250 with serious thought and consideration of the following arguments in its favor and in the greater interest of the people of the State of Oregon as well as overall national environmental policy. No further points beyond these below should be necessary to make the case for implementing a more enlightened energy environmental protection policy for both the short and long term benefit of all of our citizens...including those within industry whose interest too should include a quality of life for their children and family long into the future with greater investment in renewable energy. This urgent appeal comes out of my participation in a variety of other organizations as well who similarly support such sensible legislation to at least partially attempt to address a host of very serious yet so far largely ignored or denied clear threats to our planet and humanity.

I'm writing to ask for your support of HB 3250, which would put a cap on carbon emissions by auctioning allowances and distribute the revenue back to Oregonians. Climatologists sounded the alarm on greenhouse gas pollution decades ago, and yet the world burns fossil fuels faster every year. We need a holistic solution to free ourselves of dirty energy, and HB 3250 is Oregon's opportunity to lead the way.

1. **It gets the job done.** HB 3250 would bring our greenhouse gas emissions 85% below 1990 levels by 2050, matching the reduction rate we need to avoid a 2°C rise in global temperature averages.
2. **It proves the model.** The states are still the laboratories of democracy, and there's no better state than Oregon to inspire federal climate action. HB 3250 would disprove the myth that climate change is some elaborate trick to grow the size of government. And by returning the auction proceeds to every Oregonian, it would prove that the burden of climate stability need not be borne by low-income families.
3. **It's built to last.** We don't have the luxury of winning this struggle twice. HB 3250 would create Oregon's very own Alaska Permanent Fund: loathed by polluters, adored by the electorate. Alaska holds polluters accountable for the extraction of fossil fuels, Oregon should hold them accountable for treating our atmosphere like a sewer.
4. **It's legally sound.** A simple majority in both chambers would put HB 3250 on the Governor's desk, and no constitutional amendment would be necessary to address Section 3a, Article IX. I hope you will support HB 3250 and do everything in your power to make this legislation law.

Sincerely,

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