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Subject: Testimony in support of HB 3250

Dear Members of the House Energy and Environment Committee,

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 began to warn us of greenhouse gas pollution beginning in the 1950. In 1988 The Endangered Earth was the person of the year on the cover of Time Magazine. Yet the use of fossil fuels continues to escalate every year. We need a solution to free ourselves of dirty energy, and HB 3250 is Oregon's opportunity to lead the way.

Below are talking points from Oregon Climate:

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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