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Dear Members of the House Energy and Environment Committee,

As a Millennial woman growing up in Bend, Oregon, I have seen how the environment is the foundation to our economy, our lifestyle and our wonder. It is important that Oregonians and our representatives step forward to address climate change with urgency and bravery: now is the time to set a precedent for protecting our environment, people and economy. By putting a price on carbon and giving 100% of the revenue back to Oregonians as dividends, HB 3250 is both fair and effective. The price of carbon must rise to reflect its true costs for a sustainable society. Economists have calculated that to transition off of dirty energy at the rate we need, the price of carbon must rise to hundreds of dollars a ton.

As a young college student and consumer I am here to emphasize that at the same time that HB 3250 is based on the pollution reduction goals we must meet for a livable future, this bill is financially fair for low-income families and folks like me.

Carbon pricing is a social justice issue, one that I want to see spearheaded now, before I graduate from college in the spring of next year. Now is our chance to act in concert and focus on one of the biggest and most urgent crises of our time. Oregon must be at the forefront of carbon pricing legislation in order to make certain a future for my generation and our children.

Carbon pricing is a bipartisan issue because we all share this planet and we all depend on it. House Bill 3250 is the first step in creating a framework to lower our greenhouse gas emissions 85% below 1990 levels by 2050, which would match the required reduction rate to avoid a 2°C rise in global temperature levels. If HB 3250 is passed, Oregon will have acted in the spirit of what is truly American: securing a better and brighter future for new generations to expand our capacity for wonder. Let's move forward, Oregon.

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