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From: Portland CCL Chapter [<mailto:portlandccl@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2015 10:28 PM
To: Patrino Beth
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Dear Members of the House Energy and Environment Committee,

My name is Tamara Staton, and I'm the Volunteer Group Leader for the Portland Chapter of the Citizens' Climate Lobby, and CCL's Regional Coordinator for the Pacific Northwest. I'm writing tonight 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. While we, at Citizens' Climate Lobby are pushing for a national and global solution to climate change, with a national carbon fee and dividend, I am also very aware it often takes local solutions to push larger action. We can be a leader in Oregon, and push the country towards more state specific and ultimately national solutions to our warming earth and atmosphere.

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.

While fee and dividend would work wonders at the national level, cap and dividend in HB3250 would be optimal for our state solution for the following reasons:

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. We can't go any higher than that to secure our well-being as humanity and other life forms on this planet. As it is, shellfish are suffering due to ocean acidification, not to mention other species as well.
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. Putting a price on carbon and returning revenue to households is appealing to conservatives, and we need a bipartisan approach.
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. And politicians in Alaska know they can't touch that money now that the public expects it. This solution is political will in the making.
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.

Please support HB 3250 and do everything in your power to make this legislation law.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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"If you want to join the fight to save the planet, to save creation for your grandchildren, there is no more effective step you could take than becoming an active member of this group."

- Dr. James Hansen, Physicist, Member National Academy of Sciences, Grandpa, Former Head of Goddard Institute for Space Studies, NASA

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