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Oregon House Committee on Energy and Environment:

We are already paying the price for global warming right here in Oregon, whether we're fighting record-breaking forest fires east of the mountains or watching our shellfish industry struggle. Oregonians feel strongly that we have an obligation to protect our beautiful state and our children's future. That means tackling climate change by cutting pollution from coal, oil, and gas, and shifting to clean energy.

The good news is that here in Oregon, we can transition to a cleaner, safer, healthier economy that creates local jobs and a stable climate by investing in clean energy that we produce here in the state. We have the know-how, the cost-effective technologies, and the workforce in Oregon to seize this opportunity. And, as a state, we've already made a commitment to make this shift.

On behalf of Sightline Institute—a think tank providing leading original analysis of energy, economic, and environmental policy in the Pacific Northwest—I urge you to pass a bill committing Oregon to meet scientifically based climate change pollution goals. By holding big polluters accountable, we can break fossil fuels' grip on our economy and transition to clean energy.

Attached please find two documents I hope will be of use in informing your deliberations:

- 1) Myths and facts about capping greenhouse gas pollution.
- 2) A compilation of resources Sightline has produced in the past year related to carbon pricing in the Pacific Northwest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristin J. Eberhard".

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