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From: Regina Hauser [<mailto:hauseregina@gmail.com>]
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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. I've been part of the sustainability movement for 15 years, and have reading report after report about the devastating impact climate change is having on our world, and yet little has changed. It simply isn't possible for individual companies and individuals themselves to make a significant change in fossil fuel emissions. We need a holistic systemic solution to free ourselves of dirty energy, and HB 3250 is Oregon's opportunity to lead the way.

If implemented 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.

Some may argue that Oregon is a small player on the global stage, but states are proving to be the best laboratories for change, 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.

This is a solution that could go into effect immediately. 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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