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From: walter [<mailto:walterj@eoni.com>]
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I am writing as the President of Climate Watch Wallawas, in Wallowa County, Oregon.

Please find attached a summary of who we are and our current primary activities.

We heartily support HB 3250. However, we do not believe it is enough, even if this measure passes as written. We see it as the first of many needed steps for discovering our resilience while engaging the currently-emerging Sixth Great Extinction.

We have no choice but to prepare ourselves as best we can. We cannot afford the luxuries of entertaining the climate change doubters, the global warming doubters, or anyone else who wants to distract or annoy us for any reason.

We need to act with care, grace and deliberate choices. We need to act now. Please pass this act.

I'm writing to ask you to put a cap on carbon emissions by auctioning allowances and distributing the revenue back to Oregonians. 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.

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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