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To: Patrino Beth
Subject: Testimony in support of HB 3250

Dear Members of the House Energy and Environment Committee,

Please support HB 3250, which would put a cap on carbon emissions by auctioning CO2 emission allowances to fossil fuel vendors. Returning the revenue to Oregonians would offset rising fuel costs and ensure low income families would not be disproportionately harmed. HB 3250 would lower our greenhouse gas emissions 85% below 1990 levels by 2050. This is key to avoiding catastrophic effects of temperature rise above 2 degrees C.

As an environmental scientist, I am acutely aware of the need to act now to protect our natural resources: forests threatened by drought and wildfire, salmon and other aquatic species in peril due to reduced snowpack, shellfish already responding to ocean acidification, and our agricultural economy feeling the heat of rising temperatures.

Enacting this legislation in Oregon would send a clear message to the nation that we recognize climate change effects are already here and will become much worse without immediate action. I ask that you show the leadership we need to move forward with this strong action.

Sincerely,
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