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Dear Members of the House Energy and Environment Committee,

I support HB 3250, which would put a cap on carbon emissions by auctioning allowances and would then distribute the auction revenue back to Oregonians.

I support this bill primarily because climate change is already a crisis. If fossil fuel consumption is not reduced dramatically starting now and continuing for the next several decades until we complete the necessary transition to an economy powered by renewable energy, the crisis will morph into a catastrophe that will literally threaten all life on Earth. This is immoral and unacceptable.

As member of St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church and as chair of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon's Environmental Stewardship Commission, I deeply care about the preservation, protection, and restoration of all life, human, animal, and plant. Additionally, all of our children and all future generations are entitled to inherit a world with clean air, pure water, fertile soil, robust biodiversity, and healthy ecosystems. Unchecked climate change is a moral failing that will destroy this birthright.

In the absence of decisive leadership from other states, the federal government, and other nations, Oregon should, can, and must lead the transition to a sustainable, just economy powered by renewable energy. Adopting HB 3250 will put Oregon squarely into this leadership role. And, by empowering Oregonians in the fight against human-caused climate change, the legislature would create new opportunities and competitive advantages for Oregon businesses developing and deploying the technology and human capital needed to mitigate global warming.

Importantly, HB 3250 will accomplish the following objectives:

- It will bring Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions 85% below 1990 levels by 2050, matching the reduction rate required to avoid a 2°C rise in global temperature averages;
- It will 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 will prove that low-income families need not be unfairly taxed to combat global warming.