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**Testimony in Support of HB 3470, HB 3252, HB 3250: Carbon Management
and Accountability**

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House Committee on Energy and the Environment**

Chair Vega Pederson, Vice-Chairs Reardon and Johnson, members of the committee,

Good afternoon. Thank you for having me. For the record, my name is Sami Alloy. I am the Legislative and Policy Director for Oregon Working Families. Working Families supports Carbon Management and Accountability. Oregon working families depend on the health and stability of our local economy to survive and prosper. Our economy depends on our state's natural beauty and our many natural resources. Communities across our state depend on our fisheries and forests, our farms and vineyards, our beaches and our slopes to put food on the table.

Global warming and ocean acidification threaten Oregon's economic well-being, and the health and safety of our friends, families, co-workers and neighbors. Oregon needs a comprehensive way to address carbon pollution. It is time for Oregon to take responsibility for its pollution, and invest in solutions that create good, living wage, green jobs, and generate revenue for our underfunded public services. We need to get serious about meeting our obligation to cut carbon pollution, and do so in a way that benefits those that are hit hardest by pollution and its effects—working families, low-income households, and particularly communities of color. We can't afford to wait.

The bills before you today call for known, definable goals that create certainty for different stakeholder groups. The Climate Stability Act will create a process for stakeholder input. The bill supports recommendations of market-based solutions to reduce pollution down to safe levels. This builds on successful efforts in California where the clean energy economy is growing. Labor had a strong seat at the table in California, and we think hitting climate targets can be done fairly and affordably.

We strongly support inclusion of an environmental justice task force. We also support special consideration and protection for workers in high-energy intensive industries and how to maximize good jobs and benefits in new sectors.

Thank you for your consideration. I'll take any questions.