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**To:** Patrino Beth  
**Cc:** Rep Buckley; Sen Bates  
**Subject:** Support for HB 3470

Dear Chair Vega Pederson and members of the House Energy and Environment Committee,

I strongly support of House Bill 3470 (the Climate Stability and Justice Act), and for the reasons below believe Oregon should pass a bill such as HB 3470:

There are many qualities of HB 3470 that are economically prudent, however the first and foremost is that the bill addresses the negative externality of carbon pollution.

I know you will be worried about industry leakage, but notice that this cap-auction-and-trade bill will be a preemptive move to be ready to comply with the Clean Power Plan that will give Oregon control over caps and the specifics of their cap-and-trade legislation to meet the 111(d) rules.

Additionally, Oregon has been an example in passing legislation that can be exemplary for the rest of the country (think of even the current Cover Oregon - despite some failures, the model is being assessed heavily and is demonstrating efficiencies that can be models for other states), and I think Oregon has a chance to help advance our national democracy through demonstrating feasibility at the state level.

There are other political and economic characteristics that make this a good piece of legislation, but I think you are aware of them, and I want to express my belief that Oregon needs to step up and demonstrate a truly comprehensive cap-auction-and-trade scheme is beneficial to people at the state and national level (and maybe even international level come Paris 2015).

I hope you choose to advance HB 3470, and take the needed steps to have this voted on by the end of the 2015 legislative session.

Thank you,  
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