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**To:** Patrino Beth  
**Subject:** Support for HB 3470 (the Climate Stability and Justice Act)

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

I am writing to urge you to support House Bill 3470. Oregon's economy will tank in direct proportion to the degradation of our forests, our agriculture, our fisheries, our air water and soil...all inextricably tied to the health of our environment. House Bill 3470 puts a cap on GHG emissions, which are a major cause of climate change and addresses the adverse impact it might have on lower income earners, while we transition to cleaner sources of energy, mainly solar, wind and geothermal.

But we are in a race, unfortunately, and the stakes could not be higher if we fail to act NOW. Simply put, it could be the end of life as we know it. No chance for our children or their children to enjoy the kind of life we have taken for granted.

Individual action is necessary, but state and national action are crucial if the climate is to be stabilized and disaster avoided.

California has been a leader in this area and HB 3470 is modeled after it's own legislation that has proven to be so successful.

Please take action to pass this important bill out of Committee on April 21st and recommend that it be passed.

Sincerely,  
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