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

I am writing in strong support of the Climate Stability and Justice Act (HB 3470).

I live in Eugene and recently graduated from the University of Oregon. As a young person concerned about Climate Change, I believe HB 3470 is the most feasible policy option to limit greenhouse gas emission for Oregon at this time. By feasible I mean this legislation would make meaningful changes while having very little impact on our economy. I see it as necessary that we clearly mandate reductions in greenhouse gas emissions in the coming years, which is what this bill will do once it passes. This policy will eventually have to pass at some point. Scientists, economists, environmentalists, and young people all agree that without such restrictions on carbon emissions, the cost of climate change will be MASSIVE. Putting a cap on carbon now is absolutely necessary if we are to succeed as a state and as a nation.

California adopted a similar approach (AB32) in 2006, designed to be joined by other jurisdictions. Thus, this bill would include Oregon in a currently existing movement of states and provinces, and would set precedence for others to follow our lead. Oregon opinion polls show the public is supportive of a carbon cap. California voted support for their law by a 23% margin. It's our turn now!

I urge you to do ALL THAT YOU CAN to advance HB 3470 this legislative session. Please take action to pass HB 3470 out of Committee on April 21st.

Thank you!

-Alexander Harris  
Eugene, Oregon