



June 15, 2015

Representative Val Hoyle  
Representative Phil Barnhart  
Representative Paul Holvey  
Representative Peter Buckley

Dear Representatives:

On behalf of the City of Eugene, I am submitting this letter of support for House Bill 3470. Establishing a carbon pricing strategy for Oregon is a critical tool in meeting climate action goals at the state and local levels, and we are grateful for your leadership in bringing this bill forward.

In Eugene, we have continued to build an award-winning climate action program that calls for deep cuts in our community emissions guided by the actions in our Climate and Energy Action Plan. We also adopted the Climate Recovery Ordinance in July 2014, which strengthens and reaffirms our commitment to reaching greenhouse gas reduction targets. We cannot achieve these ambitious goals without the state as a partner. Supportive state policy in the areas of carbon pricing, transportation investments, clean fuel standards and others provides an essential and necessary platform for local action.

On April 22, 2015, the Eugene City Council adopted a resolution in support of a statewide carbon pricing policy (see attached Resolution 5130). Our community recognizes the need to take action in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and this resolution provides a community voice in support of HB 3470.

I understand that the bill remains in committee and request that this letter of support be entered into the record. At this critical juncture, I hope the legislature can move this important and much needed policy forward so we can join British Columbia, California and Washington in creating a unified approach to carbon pricing on the West Coast.

Thank you for all your efforts to establish a carbon pricing policy for the state. I wish you the best of luck in bringing it to fruition this session.

Sincerely,

Mayor Kitty Piercy  
City of Eugene

Cc: Eugene City Council  
Eugene legislative delegation

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**COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 5130**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CARBON PRICING POLICY FOR  
THE STATE OF OREGON.**

**PASSED: 5:2**

**REJECTED:**

**OPPOSED: Poling, Clark**

**ABSENT: Evans**

**CONSIDERED: April 22, 2015**



**RESOLUTION NO. 5130**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CARBON PRICING POLICY FOR THE STATE OF OREGON.**

**The City Council of the City of Eugene finds that:**

A. The City Council is compelled by the scientific consensus that carbon dioxide emissions are the primary cause of global climate change.

B. The City Council agrees that climate change is a crisis demanding immediate measures to reduce its negative effects.

C. Climate change is a threat to public health, national security, food security, and business supply chains. These have costs to our society that are not reflected in the price of fossil fuels.

D. The City Council believes that assigning a cost to carbon dioxide emissions is one of the most efficient ways to decrease carbon pollution, discourage consumption of fossil fuels and encourage development of alternatives.

E. The *2013 Tax and Shift: How to Make it Work for Oregon's Economy* report published by the Portland State University Northwest Economic Research Center and the December 2014 report to the legislature on the feasibility of a fee or tax on greenhouse gas emissions, also by Northwest Economic Research Center, conclude that imposing a price on carbon within the State of Oregon would have relatively small impacts on the economy and would significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF EUGENE, A Municipal Corporation of the State of Oregon, as follows:**

**Section 1.** The City Council requests that the Oregon State Legislature carefully craft legislation to impose a carbon pricing policy, in part relying on modeling described in the reports outlined in the above findings and the experience of British Columbia with special attention for mitigating adverse impacts on low income families.

**Section 2.** The City Council urges the Environmental Protection Agency to allow states the option of voluntarily using market based, economy-wide carbon pricing as an alternative compliance mechanism for the Clean Power Plan.

**Section 3.** A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Brown, Senators

Wyden and Merkley, Congressman DeFazio, and the City's local state legislative delegation.  
The City shall lobby in its support when appropriate.

**Section 4.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**The foregoing Resolution adopted on the 22 day of April, 2015.**

*Beth Louest*

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City Recorder