

Dear Representative Val Hoyle and the members of the Oregon House of Representatives:

Climate change is happening quickly. We need immediate action to control the emission of greenhouse gasses. While some elected officials continue to believe that climate change is imaginary, the facts are blatantly obvious. In southern Oregon (and in California and the rest of the Southwest United States) climate change is currently having devastating consequences. Without anyone going over the science or the weather forecast in detail, it is clear out here in suburbia that we are heading for disaster. HB 3470 is a first step in the process of correcting the problem. It uses free market economic principles to address the so far unaccounted for consequences of greenhouse gas pollution by committing the polluting companies to internalize the costs, it creates a stable market for the development of renewable energy, and an equivalent bill in California has led to a boom in jobs and industry in the renewable energy sector. We need this bill for the jobs it promises, we need this bill because climate change is going to kill my children and yours, and you need this bill because the voters in Oregon demand it.

Please make your decisions about this bill based on the facts and the economics and the urgency of the situation.

Sincerely,

Beatrice Bell, 3 & 5/6ths years of age

Aidan Bell, 11 months & 1 week

Julian Bell, 44

Stella Burkett, 43