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Subject: Testimony to Senate Environmental and Natural Resources Committee in support of Healthy Climate Bill

Dear Chairman Edwards and Committee Members,

I urge you to support the Healthy Climate Bill.

The Healthy Climate Bill is an important step in combating climate change and developing the clean energy jobs that Oregon needs.

It has been five decades, since President Johnson was warned about the effects of climate change. Those changes are now being felt in Oregon, in terms of a longer and more intense forest fire season, lesser snow pack that reduces summer irrigation, ocean acidification that is destroying our shell fish industry, etc. It is time to act!

You should feel confident in acting to put a price on carbon. A super majority of Oregonians support taking action on climate change. Local governments, businesses and not for profits have requested that the state take action. Your action is supported and preceded by California, British Columbia, the Northeastern States and several other countries. Two studies by Portland State University have said that putting a price on carbon will not have a significant negative impact on jobs or the Oregon Economy. California's economy and jobs have grown, unhindered by a price on carbon and other tough climate actions.

Don't fall for the argument that Oregon's actions are not significant on a global scale and that what we do does not matter. When Oregon takes action, along with California, British Columbia and, soon, Washington, we will be the 5th largest economy in the world, leading climate action and showing others the way.

For a brighter Oregon future, please support the Healthy Climate Bill

Regards,

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