

Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee Oregon State Capitol 900 Court St. NE Salem, OR 97301

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Chair Edwards and members of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

On behalf of 350 Eugene, representing nearly 1,000 members engaged with our local chapter, we are writing in strong support of SB 1574 also known as the Healthy Climate Act.

As you all know, Oregon set ambitious goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, but there are no teeth to the goals and we aren't close to meeting our targets. As a state, we have to do our part in addressing climate change. And we need to act now. There is no time to waste.

The Healthy Climate Act, will put a meaningful limit on Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions. By putting a cap on our emissions and holding large emitters accountable, the state can generate a significant amount of revenue to join the transition to a clean energy economy, create good jobs and drive innovation. At the same time, we'll be protecting the health and safety of our families and communities.

What you chose to do at this historic defining moment to matters immensely. Please do all you can to advance this important legislation in the 2016 Legislative Session.

Thank you for your service and your action.

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