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To: Oregon Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
Re: SB 1574 (Healthy Climate Bill)

Please approve SB 1574 (Healthy Climate Bill) and move it to the next legislative step quickly. As we all know, climate change has been implicated in erratic and extreme precipitation events ranging from severe drought and wildfires to floods and landslides and putting Oregon's communities, forests, agriculture and fisheries at risk. Ocean acidification from excessive CO2 emissions further threatens marine species and the livelihoods that depend on them.

In the face of resistance to a comprehensive federal policy on climate change, states, cities, tribes and regions are filling the gap with innovative policies targeted to the needs and resources of their particular domains. With SB 1574 Oregon can join with states and provinces in the US and Canada as well as countries around the world that are taking strong steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

SB 1574 will provide Oregon with policy tools to put a cap on climate changing greenhouse gas emissions while providing revenues to invest in clean energy, energy efficiency and transportation alternatives. SB 1574 provides for a just transition from an economy based on 19th century fuels and technology to a 21st century energy infrastructure. The provisions for protection of low income families and investment in disadvantaged communities are some of the most important features of SB 1574 ensuring that both the responsibility for change and the benefits of innovation will be fairly distribute.

I urge quick passage of SB 1574.

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