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### **Oregon needs to act now to put a price on carbon and begin investing in a fossil free future.**

We can once again be a national leader in addressing the climate crisis. The Healthy Climate Act will help us smooth the way into the **Great Transition** needed to achieve a fossil free future.

It is critical that this bill be passed as it will:

Force **polluters to pay**. I heartily endorse establishing a “carbon pollution market” in which “carbon allowances” will be auctioned to the polluters. This mechanism will allow the state to ratcheted down greenhouse gas emissions to achieve our long term goals so that greenhouse gas emission will be at least 75% below 1990 levels. oCalifornia has demonstrated with this polluter pay approach that you can grow your economy and create jobs while reducing CO2 emissions.

Make **investments** that enable a **just transition**. We know that the climate crisis has disproportionate impact on disadvantaged communities that lack the resources to adapt and are thus most vulnerable. A significant share of the monies generated by the polluters will be used to help those living in economically distressed areas by funding projects and programs that create jobs and provide education and job training.

This bill will ensure that we achieve real emission reductions that are cost-effective, quantifiable and socially beneficial. We will move much more quickly to a clean energy economy with more investments in clean energy and energy efficiency. I strongly encourage passage of this vital legislation.

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