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Cc: Sen Shields; Rep Frederick
Subject: Healthy Climate Bill HB 4036

Dear Committee Members:

As someone who has worked for several years with Citizens Climate Lobby to craft a national price on carbon, I am very encouraged to support legislation in Oregon. In the long run it will spur federal action and hopefully give us a head-start on moving to a zero carbon budget. However, as I have read the details proposed by different bills, it seems to me that they all fail woefully in moving fast enough to get off fossil fuels. For heavens sake, the State is moving as we speak to site two huge Liquefied Natural Gas facilities in our state that would dramatically increase our own state's carbon footprint.

Folks, we cannot have it both ways. We cannot continue to consider some fossil fuels better than others, or endorse offsets, site new facilities to send fossil fuels abroad, or delay until 2040 or 2050 to get to zero carbon. If all the ice in the world melts, and it is well on the way, sea levels will rise 150-200 feet! And many surprising developments are already happening, for example, the zika virus spreading from the global south makes it unhealthy to have children.

To "fix" this problem, I urge you to insert the caveat that "the ongoing carbon reduction targets and conservation methods must be based on the best available scientific knowledge". While it is a moving target, that is the reality of our current climate chaos. We cannot be pacified by half measures when all life is at stake.

Thank you for your consideration. And I did carpool to Salem today with about 350 other citizens to lobby for action this session on SB 4036 and HB1574.

It is crucial to all we hold dear that we begin capping carbon emissions and get beyond coal in our utility mix

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"...the choices we make every single day will most likely determine the future of life on earth for the next one-thousand years...that empowers your life, gives it enormous meaning" Lynne Twist 2015

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