Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Dear Senators,

I want to add my voice to the many groups who will be traveling to Salem this coming Wednesday, March 1.

We creatures of Planet Earth have already added a dangerous volume of greenhouse gases to our atmosphere. We citizens of the United States have added more than our share as we developed our high standard of living. I live in Medford which usually has blue skies, clean water and a pleasant variable climate, but I know that this will not be what my generation will be leaving for my great-grandchildren.

We have to find a way to transition off the fossil fuels that are the culprit. We need to act now, not when the situation is so dire that even climate change deniers are fossil fuel executives can't deny the evidence.

We need to put a cap on carbon emissions, put a price on emitting greenhouse gases and get to work developing alternate sources of energy.

There are jobs to be done - jobs that will pay living wage salaries, build a strong, stable economy.

Fossils fuels are really rapidly on the road to obsolescence. Let's encourage Oregon to take the lead in saving the planet. (That is not hyperbole.)

Sincerely,

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