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Dear Chair Denbow and Helm and other members of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

I am writing in support of SB 557 and HB 2185 and HB 2468. Briefly, OR needs to be on the forefront of climate change legislation in order to avoid catastrophic costs of warming on agriculture, fishing, health and human services. With current budget shortfalls, we need now more than ever the ability to create alternative energy jobs, that will help the tax base and our budget. CA's climate legislation has resulted in billions in venture capital and CA leads the nation in job growth. Doing nothing will cost OR heavily and businesses will not want to move here.

As a grandfather whose grandsons live here in OR, I worry that their quality of life will be severely compromised unless we significantly reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. I want them to enjoy the forests, fishing, camping, and hiking that are threatened with global warming. And I want them to be able to have good employment and to want to continue to live in OR.

As a technology business owner who enjoys annual growth of 40-50%, I am hiring new employees and trying to attract the best to move to OR. Since the educated workforce I am looking at values an environment that is sensitive to climate change, I want them to see OR as on the forefront.

I think climate change is our most important issue. A cap and invest bill will be a significant move to reduce the effects of climate change here and in our region.

Sincerely,

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