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Legislators,

Climate change is currently not the largest issue we face as a nation but it is the only issue we face with a deadline. I am writing to you as I could not be in Salem today to address the assembly in person.

The State of Oregon is fortunate to get 80% of its energy from renewable sources such as hydroelectric, wind and solar. We also have a huge source of natural carbon sequestration with its forests. Oregon needs an economy wide, science based declining cap on carbon dioxide and greenhouse gas emissions. Greenhouse gas reduction goals need to be developed by the Environmental Quality Commission that should be based on the best available science.

A funding mechanism should be established to administer a program to involve clean energy jobs and make a transition for communities of color, rural areas and low income, socio-economic challenged that are at risk from the effects of climate change.

The use of carbon offsets should be eliminated. Senate Bill 557 and House Bill 2468 allows for 50% of required GHG to be offset from forestry, agriculture, and other non covered sectors. Zero offsets would be best but real reductions in the burning of fossil fuels need to be implemented. Preferably, 7.6% reductions in GHG emissions per year could be achieved.

Please support SB 557 and HB 2468 to reduce Oregon's carbon footprint and the states commitment to combat climate change.

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