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Subject: Support SB 748 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Esteemed Members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

I am writing you today to voice my support for the Clean Energy Jobs Bill. SB 748 requires the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) to adopt a carbon pollution permit program with fees to cap emissions through permit sales. It also requires the EQC to distribute those fees for investment via establishment of a Climate Assistance Fund, an Oregon Climate Investments Fund, a Just Transition Fund, and a Climate Investments Account in State Highway Fund.

It's time for Oregon to continue to be a leader in the fight against climate change by putting a price on pollution and reinvesting in our communities.

We have to protect our clean air and water. Pollution from gas and diesel is impacting the health of Oregonians and worsening conditions like asthma and heart disease. And the effects of climate change are threatening the livelihoods and health of our friends, families, and neighbors. It's time to act.

By putting a price on pollution, we can continue to create good jobs for Oregonians in the clean energy economy – jobs in solar and wind that can't be outsourced – and making polluters pay their fair share.

I hope that you will join me in supporting the Clean Energy Jobs Bill and our transition to a clean energy economy.

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