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To: Members of the House Energy and Environment Committee

From: Rhett Lawrence, Oregon Chapter Sierra Club

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RE: House Bill 3386

Chair Helm and Members of the Committee: On behalf of the more than 20,000 members and supporters of the Sierra Club in Oregon, I would like to provide this written testimony in opposition to House Bill 3386.

As an organization with a long history working to move beyond fossil fuels in Oregon, we cannot support this bill. We believe HB 3386 – and in particular the -6 amendment – is a real rollback of Oregon's Clean Fuels Program. The bill would create a byzantine and likely unworkable program of dispensing paper credits that are not based on the carbon intensity of projects funded. Indeed, it appears that some of that funding will not result in any pollution reduction at all, as the fund does not guarantee greenhouse gas emissions will be reduced.

In short, HB 3386-6 would fundamentally undermine the Clean Fuels Program in our state. But the Clean Fuels Program is working, and has succeeded in more than 580,000 tons of pollution reduction. HB 3386 would turn all of that around by eroding demand for clean fuels and not requiring that the program reduce climate pollution in Oregon's transportation sector.

For these reasons, the Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club opposes HB 3386 as the dismantling of a program that is already bringing real environmental benefits to our state, and we urge this committee to do the same. Thank you very much for considering our comments and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance to the Committee.