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The Honorable Chair Dembrow
Chair, Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
900 Court St NE
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Dear Chair Dembrow and Members of the Committee,

I urge your support for the Clean Energy Jobs Bill – Senate Bill 557. I am disappointed that the Federal Government has rescinded previous executive orders aimed at regulating carbon emissions which also retracts funding for renewable energy. With SB 557, Oregon has an opportunity to be a leader on climate action and clean energy innovation.

I believe climate change is the issue of our time and SB 557 presents an opportunity to take meaningful action. Pollution from gas and diesel impact the health of Oregonians and worsen conditions like asthma and heart disease. Putting a price on pollution, through a carbon cap and invest model, can create living wage jobs for Oregonians in the clean energy economy.

Both personally and on behalf of the passionate constituents who live and work in Senate District 21, I urge the passage of Senate Bill 557.

Sincerely,

State Senator Kathleen Taylor