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Chair Helm;  
Members of the House Energy and Environment Committee

I write as co-facilitator of Southern Oregon Climate Action Now, an organization of over 1200 Southern Oregonians concerned about climate change, to urge you to support HB4002.

As we know, one of the problems Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality faces is that it is chronically underfunded and understaffed. The solution to our state air and water quality problems is definitely not to reduce funding and staff. If we care about human and environmental health we should fund and staff the agency responsible for monitoring and enforcing regulations.

It is critical, therefore, that the legislature support HB4002 and oppose SB1541 which simply weakens our health standards and enforcement capability. I therefore urge the House Committee on Energy and Environment to recommend HB 4002 'Do Pass' and reject SB 1541 if it comes to the committee.

Respectfully,



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