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Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature:

I'm writing in support of HB 400I and SB 1507.

I'm a long-time resident of Oregon, and a political activist. I was the Senior Minister of the First Unitarian Church of Portland for 17 years, during which time the church grew into an institution that actively supported many justice causes, including climate justice. Oregon has not responded well to the challenge of global warming, and we need to BEGIN NOW, joining our neighboring states of Washington and California, in protecting our good earth and our citizens who live and work here in Oregon.

Since my retirement, I have given all my volunteer time to the issue of global warming. We have seen the floods, the heat waves, the forest fires (I was in Ashland during the fire in that area in September, and trod through the streets with people who were wearing masks against the smoke). Global warming threatens the existence of all life on the planet, including human life—I foresee starvation, floods, millions of immigrants trying to survive, failed states, unspeakable violence. This is the first time a generation has had the responsibility of saving the earth and making it livable. It is up to all of us. Shouldn't Oregonians, long known for environmental leadership, be leading now, in this crisis.

I urge you to pass HB400I and SB 1507 during this session. We know what we need to do—why wait?

Sincerely,
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