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Chair Williamson
House Committee On Rules
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association testimony to the House Committee on Rules regarding HB 4001.

Dear Chair Williamson and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association (OAPA) is an independent, statewide, not-for-profit educational organization with 850 members that provides leadership in the development of vital communities by advocating excellence in community planning, promoting education and citizen empowerment, and providing the tools and support necessary to meet the challenges of growth and change.

Our organization has reviewed HB 4001 and supports the bill as drafted. **We respectfully ask that the Committee pass this legislation** for the following reasons:

OAPA has a strong policy of advocating for sustainable land use and transportation practices and this bill moves the state significantly in this direction. Capping emissions now in line with established State goals will provide a critical first step.

Climate change is a threat to the future well being of all Oregonians. Without a price on carbon there is little hope that climate change can be slowed let alone stopped. Especially since the federal government is unable to move forward with a national carbon pricing program the states must take the lead. Joining California, and hopefully Washington, in this carbon pricing program will be a major step forward in addressing climate change.

The bill also offsets potential impacts to low-income households, partially funds the Just Transition work, and creates potential economic benefits for rural areas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kirsten Tillman'.

Kirsten Tillman, AICP, President

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