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I support a strong greenhouse gas emissions reduction bill and program, but have some concerns about Legislative Concept 19 (LC 19)

I am a **rural** Oregonian and live in Medford, Oregon. The key elements: Rural Oregonians live with global warming and its effects day in and day out. We suffer more from global warming than urban Oregonians. We know action is necessary and urgent.

We now know that the goal we need to achieve is net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. While a major step forward, 80% below 1990 level is inadequate. Thus, I urge a more rigorous and scientifically defensible goal for 2050.

Any program imposing a price on greenhouse gas emissions should be both **economy wide** and **statewide**. While it is reasonable to accommodate those Oregonian regions or economic sectors who might be unreasonably impacted by a program, we should not develop a program that tips the balance the other way just in case there are price increases resulting from the program.

This is especially the case given that other states with pricing mechanisms have not experienced a utility rate rise. Meanwhile, after initially rising, California's gasoline prices were lower a year after the transportation sector was incorporated into the program than before. Claims of price hikes in these areas are uninformed fear-mongering.

Historically, some communities or Oregonians have experienced greater suffering from climate change than others, and have experienced greater pollution from industry than others. I recognize, therefore, that efforts to reduce emissions should not be conducted at the expense of such communities. In my view, the program should state in a clear and concerted manner that a proportion of the funds raised from the sale of pollution allowances should be allocated to redressing this injustice.

The science is clear and prompt action is needed. We're running out of time.

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