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Subject: RE: LC 19 - Testimony in support of effective climate action
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Please accept this testimony in support of effective action in 2020 to begin to address the climate crisis, which has grown into an existential threat to humanity.

The climate crisis is the most critical economic, public safety, and national security issue of our time as well as being the most devastating environmental problem in human history. Oregon is already being hammered by the effects of the climate crisis. Our oceans are acidifying, our forest are burning, our crops are changing, and as a result, many of our traditional jobs and occupations are at risk. We need to act for the sake of ourselves and future generations. The economic costs of inaction, which include loss of life, property and livelihoods are many time higher than the cost of transitioning to a clean energy future, which will create million of new good-paying jobs manufacturing, installing and maintaining wind and solar power plants, implementing energy efficiency in our appliances, buildings, farms and industries, and managing our forest resources.

I attended the first public hearing on LC 19 last Monday and although the bill has much to support, it isn't yet strong enough to be as effective as we need it to be. As a resident of the Portland metropolitan area, I am willing to support the Portland Metropolitan Area being the first region to take on the transportation costs. I'm also accept that our most rural areas will be the last to be covered. I accept that the treatment of both direct and transport natural gas users are now consistent. However, too many free allowances are provided. Finally, I'm concerned that impacted communities may not receive the funds they need to combat climate change on a local level.

Therefore, LC 19 needs to be strengthened in three key ways:

#1) Currently our most rural communities are slated never to be covered under the transportation portion of the bill. It is acceptable that their coverage be delayed, but we need a firm date by which the entire state will be covered. It should be 2030 at the latest.

#2) We need to strengthen and tighten the controls around Trade Exempt Natural Gas Users in three ways: We need tight, incisive, transparent rules about which companies would be allowed to be in this category. We need their free allowances to march lower than 97% over time to fully incentivize them to move to fully renewable energy. We need the mandatory energy efficiency audits to include fugitive emissions as well as those from combustion.

#3) We need stronger, more declarative language that impacted communities will get the funding they need to combat climate change as well as ensuring they have a voice in governance of those public funds.

In short, we need climate action now, and a strengthened LC 19 will be an important piece of legislation moving us in the right direction.

Please strengthen and then support LC 19 this session.

Best regards,

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