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I support the strongest possible legislation to curb greenhouse gas emissions and build resiliency to the impacts of the climate crisis. While LC 19 as currently drafted falls short of what many of us had hoped, it remains effective legislation that I support provided the already established goals for greenhouse gas emission reductions are met by 2035 and 2050.

We cannot afford to wait even a few more months to enact a vigorous and robust plan with effective enforcement and incentives to meet the goals. While I would prefer to see all carbon-based fuels subject to limits with substantial fees and incentives, we must enact as strong a bill as possible.

The crisis due to climate change has become clear. Changes in climate, especially in precipitation patterns and in the strength and frequency of storms, have major impacts on Oregonian's safety and livelihood and on the ecosystems that we value so highly — that make Oregon the special place it has been and is. Wildfires, floods and drought, changes in snowpack, and sea level rise, ocean acidification, as well as threats to ecosystem communities are critical issues. It is ever-so-clear that the primary driver of climate change is greenhouse gas emissions (primarily methane and carbon dioxide) and we must act promptly and with urgency to reduce them.

I am concerned that my grandchildren will grow up in a world so changed that it challenges the survival of humanity as we know it, and I have grown weary of delays in responding to this crisis that has been apparent to many of us for nearly 50 years.

The time to act was yesterday. The crisis is accelerating. We must pass strong legislation now.

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