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I am writing to comment on the recently released climate bill, LC 19. While it provides a good framework for a comprehensive approach to address the climate crisis, it needs strengthening to realize the carbon reduction targets. Specifically, natural gas is, in essence, given a free pass through allowances that makes it an unregulated portion of our climate pollution. By doing so, it further incentivize and promotes additional natural gas use. This is particularly ominous since natural gas is rapidly replacing coal as the primary driver of climate change in our country. It is well documented that the development of natural gas has brought along with it significant methane leakage, a greenhouse gas that has heat trapping qualities far more powerful than carbon dioxide.

As a resident of rural Douglas County, I have seen first hand the impact of record breaking wildfires and greater frequency of droughts. Across the globe, wildfires are raging in Australia and unprecedented ice melting is occurring in Greenland. NASA has just announced the last decade was the hottest on record.

It is clear we ALL must pull together and do our share to address this climate crisis. I strongly urge the passage of a comprehensive climate bill so Oregon can be a leader on this, the most critical issue of our generation.

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