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Dear Oregon Leaders,

I recently completed a 12 year term as the Lutheran bishop for Oregon. From 2004-2005 I served on Governor Kulongoski's Global Warming Commission. I have served nationally with my church on climate change considerations, and currently I am moving into a new position with Lutheran Disaster Response to focus on preparations for anticipated climate catastrophes clearly intensifying in the Pacific Northwest. It is from this stance that I write to encourage courageous and caring enactment of a strengthened LC 19.

The future is all but written for the citizens of this state, our forests, a vital forestry industry, a healthy and vibrant fisheries industry and so much more. It is essential for our economy, our youth, our physical health and well being, and the hydrology we all depend on for agriculture, drinking water and industry, that we address climate change issues head on. My work with disaster preparedness will seek to partner with FEMA, our Oregon State VOAD, county Emergency Managers and the faith community not only around concerns of a Cascadia Subduction Zone catastrophe, but the smaller and more frequent insults to communities which already suffer from increasing wildfire occurrences, rising tides, increasing flooding and all that visits us as climate change continues unchecked. Now is the time to act boldly on behalf of Oregon's future.

You have been elected to lead us forward. Please do so in good faith and hope.

Sincerely,

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