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Greetings Oregon Legislators:

I am writing today to express my extreme concern regarding the role Oregon plays in mitigating climate catastrophe. Our forests are capable of capturing and sequestering carbon at a rate unmatched world wide. We must protect and defend them as if our lives depend on it, because they literally do. Best science guides us away from thinning, and toward best forest practices.

On another matter I support a strong cap and invest policy to bring us into the forefront of smart carbon reduction policy. Though much stronger and more effective rules are necessary we must begin the process now to help us with the absolutely imperative transition to a green fuels economy. Oregon can be a leader in this effort.

It is clear that the only policy we must address with critical urgency is the climate crisis. Unless we do, no other economic, social, or environmental policy will matter. Our human habitat is at stake. We must act like it.