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Dear Senators,

I am a retired English professor residing in Salem, OR. I am writing to strongly encourage you to **SUPPORT LC 19**, because we are long overdue for strong legislation to reduce our carbon emissions by putting a price on carbon and using the revenue to support the development of clean, renewable energy for our future.

As you know, our global climate has become erratic and unstable due to rising levels of atmospheric CO₂, with catastrophic consequences worldwide--not only in Australia, Greenland, and Alaska, but also here in Oregon--due to rising sea levels, intermittent flooding, and prolonged droughts, leading to catastrophic wildfires at a far greater frequency and severity than in the past--and these terrifying trends are accelerating with every passing year.

It is therefore incumbent upon policymakers at all levels of governance--international, national, state, and local--to assume responsibility for the world we leave to our children by acting NOW to reduce carbon emissions--before it is far too late. California has already enacted strong legislation putting a price on carbon emissions, and this has been an economic stimulus for them to invest in renewable energy; as a result, their economy is thriving. We **MUST** do likewise, for the sake of all of our children and grandchildren!

Sincerely,

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