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Subject: I support a strong cap & invest policy, such as L.C. 19, with improvements for climate
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Dear Oregon Senate Environmental & Natural Resources Committee:

I want to submit my public comments supporting a strong cap & invest policy, such as L.C. 19, with improvements for climate change action.

For 25 years, I was a seasonal park ranger at Crater Lake National Park. I loved this job. Sadly, while working there, I saw the impacts of climate change with a diminishing snowpack and more intense wildfire season. The smoke from the wildfires got so bad in my last summers there in 2015, 2016 and 2017, that I saw it have a very bad impact on the local economy of southern Oregon when visitors were not coming to the park because they didn't want to breathe the smoke. Local mom & pop businesses such as campgrounds, restaurants and motels saw their business during this peak season dry up as a result.

Thus, I urge you to pass strong and effective climate legislation in the upcoming 2020 OR short legislative session, such as L.C. 19.

In addition, I ask you to please make these changes to the bill:

- Natural Gas: All gas utilities and big users must be under the cap, pay for their pollution and be incentivized to reduce emissions.
- Transportation: We accept the political reasoning for a geographic phase-in, but it's current form is un-workable. Even more important, any such phase-in must cover the entire state by a specified date.
- Investments: All funds allocated to impacted communities must have strong oversight including representation by those communities to ensure those funds are used to combat climate change.

Thanks for taking my thoughts into your consideration.

Sincerely,

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