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Greetings

As a resident of rural Oregon, I wish to express my offense at the claims by opponents of meaningful greenhouse gas emissions legislation in the state that rural Oregonians do not support this effort. Rural Oregonians live with global warming and its effects day in and day out. We suffer more from global warming than urban Oregonians. We know action is necessary and urgent.

We now know that the goal we need to achieve is net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. While a major step forward, 80% below 1990 level is inadequate. Thus, I urge a more rigorous and scientifically defensible goal for 2050.

Any program imposing a price on greenhouse gas emissions should be both economy-wide and statewide. While it is reasonable to accommodate those regions or economic sectors that might be unreasonably impacted by a program, we should not develop a program that tips the balance the other way just in case there are price increases resulting from the program. This is especially the case given that other states with pricing mechanisms have not experienced a utility rate rise. Meanwhile, after initially rising, California's gasoline prices were lower a year after the transportation sector was incorporated into the program than before. Claims of price hikes in these areas, therefore, are uninformed fear-mongering.

Historically, some communities or Oregonians have experienced greater suffering from climate change than others, and have experienced greater pollution from industry than others. I recognize, therefore, that efforts to reduce emissions should not be conducted at the expense of such communities. In my view, the program should state in a clear and concerted manner that a portion of the funds raised from the sale of pollution allowances should be allocated to redressing this injustice.

I urge the Oregon Senate to pass a strong greenhouse gas emissions reduction program. If we fail to take steps to reduce our emissions, we will have neither credibility nor authority to ask other jurisdictions to do so.

Thank you.

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