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As a resident of rural Oregon, I wish to express my dismay and unhappiness at the claims by opponents of meaningful greenhouse gas emissions legislation in the state that rural Oregonians do not support this effort. **This is simply not true.** Rural Oregonians suffer more from global warming than urban Oregonians. We know action is necessary and urgent.

We know that the goal we need to achieve is net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. **80% below 1990 level is inadequate.** Any program imposing a price on greenhouse gas emissions should be both **economy wide** and **statewide**. While it is reasonable to accommodate those Oregonian regions or economic sectors who 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. **Other states with pricing mechanisms have not experienced a utility rate rise. Even 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 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 proportion of the funds raised from the sale of pollution allowances should be allocated to redressing this injustice.

I urge an Oregon Senate passage of a strong greenhouse gas emissions reduction program. Taking rational, scientifically based steps to reduce our emissions is needed immediately.

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