Dear Members of the Committee and Colleagues:

My name is Emilie Marlinghaus. I'm a long-time resident of Central Oregon. Oregon's natural beauty and history of environemental leadership and conservation played an important role in my decision to relocate here many years ago. I strongly urge you to continue that estimable record of leadership on climate change, and support a strong cap & invest legislation, <u>LC 19</u>.

The scientific evidence and real-life evidence unfolding daily around the globe make it abundantly clear that we all must act with urgency to confront this growing menace to all of Earth's inhabitants. Although for years I felt myself in a distinct minority calling for climate action, recent polls from various sources from across the country now indicate that support for action amongst all political groups is in the majority!

We now need political courage and action! LC 19 will not only be a significant step in reducing carbon emissions and stabilizing the climate, but will also contribute to a healthier, more just and prosperous state for all of Oregon's people. Thank you for thoughtfully considering these comments on this most important piece of legislation.

Sincerely, Emilie Marlinghaus 140 NW Dogwood Ave. Redmond, OR 97756