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Dear Chair Dembrow, Vice Chair Olsen and Members of the Senate Interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

My name is Joan Levine. I'm a Compassionate Listening Facilitator, a Minister, a grandmother, an active elder, a hiker, an outdoor enthusiast and I live in the Vernon neighborhood in NE Portland. Thank you for your continued work on the critical issue of the climate emergency.

We need to take action in Oregon to address the climate crisis to give our kids and grandkids a healthier world, to reduce pollution, wildfires, and drought, for economic opportunities, new jobs, and clean energy.

We need improvements to the transportation portion of the bill so all oil companies pay their fair share no matter where they're located. Oil companies are the largest source of pollution in our state and we cannot let them off the hook.

As written, this bill would pay fossil fuel polluters to continue business as usual. We can't afford business as usual. We cannot allow legislation to move forward that is climate action in name only, while it fails to hold large polluters accountable.

This bill needs a guarantee in investments in communities hardest hit by the climate crisis -- rural, low-income, Tribes, and communities of color. While there are aspirations to prioritize those communities in the current version, Oregonians deserve a guarantee.

I hope you will support changes to this bill and support the passage of bold climate action in 2020. This issue is too important for us to turn our backs while our forests burn, our fish die, and water runs out in parts of our state. We can't wait any longer.

Yours sincerely,

Joanie Levine

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