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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 Juanita, I'm a mental health professional, and I live in Eugene. Thank you for your continued work on the critical issue of the climate emergency.

Without a healthy environment, we cannot hope for our communities to prosper and for living things including human beings to be healthy either. The land and habitat that we live in, is the legacy we leave for those that come after us, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, if we take care of our planet now.

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,

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