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

I'm Beth Hartwell, I'm a recently retired Oregonian and grandmother , and I live in Hood River, where you are from. Thank you for your consideration of the critical issue of the climate emergency. I'm not sure you are convinced yet, but it's essential that if you are representing us, that you come to understand how little time we have.

I have spent most of my life out of doors, and have watched so many precious species struggle, watched the weather change, and so have continued to do my research, and speak in reasonable ways to try to get the message through. I came and spoke to you a couple years ago about the Climate issue, and am back again. I was highly impacted by my grandparents, and the lessons they shared, and now find myself in that role with my grandchildren. It is essential that they know we are doing all we can for the world they will inherit, and the life they may struggle in.

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 find myself awake at night, and you may as well. For a liveable future I ask you to 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. I've always been proud of Oregon and the strides we've taken over the decades, and pray that we may continue to lead the way.

I appreciate your consideration.

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