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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to support legislation on strong climate action. Collectively we are in a critical situation concerning our climate crisis. Continuing to burn fossil fuels in a business as usual scenario will cause very severe climate and lifestyle disruption. Doing something about a well established trend in rising CO₂ will also have its price tag. We have to ask ourselves, which one of these two has the most devastating effect on our economy and lifestyle. I promote that doing nothing is the greater of the two evils.

A strong and equitable price on carbon pollution, whether it is a carbon tax or cap and trade, makes economic sense. Putting a price on carbon can only be done by our Legislature and the time to do it was 20 years ago. We are in a more critical time frame, NOW, is the time to act.

Everyone In our society will feel the impact of climate change. The groups to suffer the biggest consequences will be the ones in the lowest social economic sectors as well as those in careers that directly or indirectly contribute to increasing amounts of CO₂ due to the burning of fossil fuels. We all need to change our lifestyles, we all need to feel the pinch of the price of burning fossil fuels as the norm. I strongly support legislation with strong criteria built into the bill that will result in meaningful reductions in Oregon's carbon footprint. A bandaid is not acceptable.

Passing strong climate legislation is critical. By not doing so will result in the failure of this Legislature to act for the safety of all of Oregon.

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