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Dear SENR Committee Members,

I am a retired public advocate who has lived in Oregon most of his life, and I want to urge you to create a strong climate bill. By “strong” I mean a climate bill that seriously addresses the urgency of the climate threat. Greta Thunberg put it well when she said “our house is on fire.” That is literally true of our planet in the sense that the rising average temperatures around the globe represent an existential threat to human (and other) life in the long run, and a disastrous economic threat in the short run. I expect my representatives to take account of that reality and craft a bill that actually addresses the magnitude of the threat. We are past the point where we have the luxury to engage in political bickering about this and that as a substitute for getting out the firehoses and fighting the fire.

Most of Oregon’s public was disgusted with last year’s legislative performance on this issue. **Now** – not next year, or some other time later - **is the time to act and act powerfully.**

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