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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 Dana Weintraub, and I'm a longtime Oregonian, and live near Beaverton.

Thank you for your continued work on the critical issue of the climate emergency.

Please resist the deluge of misinformation originating from the climate change deniers; they know of not what they speak, plain and simple.

Scare tactics won't do any of us any good when people start dying from intense and prolonged heatwaves, especially the homeless.

Here's my suggestion on how to improve and strengthen the bill so that it still has some teeth to it:

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 one of the largest sources of pollution in our state and we cannot let them off the hook at all.

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 request that you will support changes to this bill. This issue is too important for us to turn our backs on while our forests burn, our fish die, water runs out in parts of our state, and our economy suffers (Ashland, for example during the Shakespeare Festival. Viewed in a choking vale of smoke and ash).

We can't wait any longer!

Kind Regards,

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