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Subject: Urgent Action on Climate Change
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Senator Michael Dembrow
Chair, Senate Interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

January 27, 2020

Re: Urgent Action on Climate Change for All Oregonians

Dear Senator Dembrow,

My name is David Fryefield and I live in Eugene, Oregon.

I have been an active member of The Nature Conservancy of Oregon and McKenzie River Trust for many years, and have provided support for the Willamette Confluence and Finn Rock Reach restoration projects. I recently joined the Lands committee for MRT. I retired from practice as an oncologist at the Willamette Valley Cancer Institute in 2018.

I am writing to you to express concern about the escalating risks and effects of a changing climate in my community. While the risks of climate change to our community's health, well-being, and quality of life are numerous and far reaching, I am primarily concerned about the impact on our vital riparian zones. Besides the obvious concerns about flooding, alteration of the water cycle as a result of climate change carries risks to property, public lands, and infrastructure such as roads and bridges.

Throughout the state, climate change impacts are already noticeable. As climate change accelerates, Oregonians who live and work on the land and in our waters will be increasingly at risk from drought, wildfire, rising sea levels and unpredictable harvests. Urgent action on climate is needed for our communities, including meaningful investments in restoring our natural and working lands.

Low income and other climate-impacted people in our community and throughout the state will increasingly bear the brunt of climate change. The cost of doing nothing to mitigate and adapt to climate change is too high. I appreciate your leadership and urge you to take swift action to pass a carbon pricing bill this session.

This legislative session, you can help create a stronger and healthier Oregon by addressing climate change and passing a strong carbon pricing bill. I would support a policy that makes significant, economy-wide reductions in carbon emissions that are putting our natural landscapes, communities and health at risk; while generating new investments in restoring our forests, rivers and working lands.

Sincerely,

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