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Dear Chair Dembrow and Vice-Chair Olsen,

I am writing both for myself, a practicing general internist, and, as Governor of the Oregon Chapter of American College of Physicians, in support the Oregon Legislature completing the work started last year by passing a strong cap and invest bill to address climate change. Specifically, the language in LC 19 makes sense in light of the work done in the 2019 legislative session and in light of the concerns of rural Oregon. I hope to see this move forward in the current legislative session in a way that respects the concerns of the rural delegations and yet begins to allow Oregon to address its contribution to the rising level of greenhouse gases.

The Oregon Chapter of the American College of Physicians, which has 1700 internal medicine physician, resident and medical student members supported HB 2020, the cap and invest bill last year and will support a cap and invest bill again this year as one key strategy in the path forward towards mitigating and decreasing the rise in carbon dioxide and the shift in climate that has resulted; an increase which will only accelerate should we do nothing.

This is a matter of science and not opinion, and if we do not act soon as a global community, we will see ever increasing negative public health impacts in coming years. Those public health impacts are well documented, and as you know, the burden of climate change is falling, and will fall hardest, on those with the least resources. This has already been demonstrated in our state during the recent years of forest and wildfires, which impacted rural areas far more than urban areas. These fires have been shown to occur in stressed timber and range land suffering from the shifts in climate and availability water.

The American College of Physicians has evidenced based policy supporting addressing climate change and the public health impacts of climate change which include air pollution (remember those smoke filled skies the last couple of summers?), water pollution, flooding, changes in agriculture, food production and forestry, and the rising risks of novel and emerging diseases in areas no previously exposed to them. I have included references on this at the end of this email.

In short, both as an individual who practices primary care medicine in Oregon and can attest to the health impact of the smoke and air pollution in the last few years, and as Governor of Oregon chapter of ACP, I urge you to find a way forward so that you may pass the first cap and invest legislation in Oregon.

Marianne

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The way to right wrongs, is to shine the light of truth on them"
-Ida B. Wells

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