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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 David Milholland, I'm a longtime Oregonian, and live in your district. Thank you for your continued work on the critical issue of the climate emergency.

Ms. Thunberg has it right. This is the cultural / political / environmental challenge of our time. Staggering evidence is showing up globally but acting locally is the order of the day.

We need improvements to the transportation portion of the bill so that all oil companies pay their fair share no matter where they're located. They are the largest source of pollution in our state. Letting them off the hook is only a fool's response.

In fact, business as usual is now a broad death warrant. We cannot allow legislation to move forward that is climate action in name only. It must 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 fully expect you to support changes to this bill and support the passage of bold climate action in 2020. We can ill afford turning our backs while our forests burn, our fish die, and water runs out in parts of our state. Waiting any longer is not acceptable.

Yours sincerely,

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