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I support a cap and trade bill and linkage with the Western Climate Initiative.

Thank you for your multi year, dedicated leadership on this critical issue. I was especially impressed by expert testimony of the 2018-2019 interim session. It was comprehensive in scope and considerate of all stakeholders. The economists had examples to draw upon and lessons learned to provide good judgement in crafting an effective bill. Other experts gave rationale for its need.

The climate science is strong, emboldened by the October, 2018, report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change insisting on strong action in the next 12 years.

I support a process with strong oversight in capping greenhouse gas emissions, pricing pollution and investing in a just transition to clean energy. Please craft a bill that ensures the funds go to impacted communities. I am pleased that the utilities will be required to help low income families with energy efficiency and bill rebates.

I am concerned that natural gas suppliers will receive free allowances to cover the industries that use large quantities of gas. Incentives are needed to encourage these entities to adopt clean energy sources as rapidly as practical.

It's no revelation that we are past time for action. The current bill may not be all we want but it will be good enough to get moving. We can then serve up amendments in future sessions to reach net zero carbon emissions by mid century as currently recommended by IPCC.

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