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Dear Chair Dembrow, Vice Chair Olsen and Members of the Senate Interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

I'm Sheila Nelson, an Oregonian since 1971, currently residing in Corvallis, Benton County. You have my gratitude for the work you're doing to address the Climate Crisis, the most important issue facing our planet.

Oregon needs to take serious action NOW to preserve our world for those who come after us. I won't live to see the worst of the fires, heat, and sea level rise, but my children and grandchildren will. A ravaged world isn't what I want my legacy to them to be.

The transportation portion bill needs improvements so it's not a climate change bill in name only that fails to hold fossil fuel companies accountable for their contribution to the crisis. Oil companies and other large polluters need to pay their fair share of the cost of current and potential damage. We can't afford "business as usual."

The bill also needs to GUARANTEE, not merely favor, investments in communities hardest hit by climate change: those of color; rural and low income people; and native Tribes.

I urge you to support changes to this bill and the passage of bold climate action in 2020. We can't stand idly by while water runs out in areas, our forests burn, and our fish die.

Yours sincerely,  
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