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

I support strong, outcome-based legislation to effectively address climate change in the upcoming short session. I am terrified of the climate crisis, so I am writing to urge you to pass a strong cap and invest policy.

I appreciate the difficult work that has gone into building an innovative piece of legislation that can accomplish these goals and still be something that most stakeholders can swallow.

Thank you for including language that creates an incentive - and provides funding for- other areas of the state to develop and implement their own metropolitan climate plans. I hope to see this language become more explicit, with strong representation by impacted communities.

I believe that the geographic phase-in plan makes this bill more reasonable to accomplish. Achieving goals of regulating 84% of total diesel and 87% of gasoline emissions in the state is a promising start and a worthy target. I do worry about that compromise leaving holes that will allow some to game the system.

There have been many complaints about costs of these regulations. But I think we are far past the tipping point of when we must all absorb the REAL costs of doing business.

Thank you for the work you have already done and for the opportunity to comment. I urge you to support and enact a bill in this legislative session that will be intelligent, fair, and environmentally responsible.

Thank you,
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