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Good morning Chair Dembrow and Members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

My wife and I welcomed our first baby into this world just over a year ago. As new parents we are terrified by the impacts we are already seeing as a result of the climate crisis. Megawildfires, ocean acidification so bad that it is destroying crab shells, drought and unprecedented heatwaves - this does not need to be Oregon's future.

By taking action during the 2020 legislative session, Oregon can address the climate crisis, lift up communities all across the state by investing in clean energy and energy efficiency projects. These are the high paying jobs of the future and Oregon has an unprecedented opportunity to be a leader in the area and attract economic investment and job creation that will benefit all of Oregon.

As a new parent, my family is counting on you to take action. The science is clear and we are already seeing the impacts of climate change all across Oregon. Please take bold action now that transitions us away from dirty, polluting fossil fuels and towards a future powered by clean, sustainable energy. We simply cannot afford to wait any longer. Inaction is inexcusable and every day we delay, the price tag for making this evitable transition gets more expensive.

Thank you for doing all you can to make Oregon a leader in the fight to address the climate crisis.

Please find a picture of my son and I on the day he was born. I am counting on you to protect his future.

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