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15 SW Colorado Ave., Suite 100
Bend, Oregon 97702

Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction

The Trust for Public Land is a national organization with a local office in Bend, Oregon. We work across the country in urban and rural areas conserving land for people and we see the impacts of climate change on the ground. In Oregon we are working to protect land and water resources important to local communities. I'm writing to urge you to pass meaningful climate legislation that will have lasting impacts around the state. Oregon has the opportunity to make a difference in carbon sequestration if we invest today. While HB 2020 recognizes the role of lands in its goals and purposes, **we would like to see dedicated investments in the 2019 bill that benefit natural lands.**

Oregon is an incredibly land-rich state with a unique opportunity to contribute to a global solution through investments in our natural and working lands. Through restoration, conservation, and improved land management, we can address global emissions by investing in strategies to sequester carbon and benefit climate resiliency.

Please include forests, natural, and working lands at the core of Oregon's climate program and help build resiliency that will benefit local communities. These solutions can be implemented efficiently and cost effectively *right now*. The natural and working lands carve-out is a way to ensure that those impacted by a price on carbon also benefit from investments in sequestering it.

We urge you to include a commitment of the Oregon Climate Investments Fund for natural and working lands to be a part of the global solution.

The Trust for Public Land recognizes and applauds the work the Committee and others have done to get to this point. Thank you for your continued efforts!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristin", followed by a long horizontal line.

Kristin Kovalik, Oregon Director
The Trust for Public Land