

## February 2/23/19 Testimony in Medford, Oregon

I was born in Oregon in 1969 and have lived in Southern Oregon continuously since 1969. I have 4 grown sons who operated a family farm, make a partial living as Rogue River guides, work outdoors. Their health has been impacted by the forest fires that have become a regular feature of Southern Oregon.

Because there many citizens waiting to testify tonight, I will rely on others to clarify the well-thought-out details of this bill. I hope you will come away from this hearing recognizing that **the details in this bill have been refined through years of bipartisan negotiation, ample scientific input and persistent grassroots advocacy.**

**I would ask that you please pay special attention to the following issues with this bill:**

- **upholding goals recommended by scientists to avert catastrophe**
- **requiring that the biggest polluters help hard-hit communities transition to renewable energy**
- **resisting the temptation to appease the biggest polluters with exemptions, offsets and other concessions incompatible with the bill's goals.**
- **Ensuring citizen representation on boards overseeing this climate-care program.**

Thank you for an opportunity to present this urgent appeal in person. The challenge to better care for our climate cannot depend upon the long arc of history. **The power is now – fleetingly—in our hands to salvage for future generations a habitable remnant of the world we have known and loved.**

Sincerely,



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