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Founded in 1968, the Oregon Environmental Council (OEC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership-based organization. We advance innovative, collaborative and equitable solutions to Oregon's environmental challenges for today and future generations.

Oregon Environmental Council has some concerns about HB 3433.

Last October, the world's leading scientists issued a report stating the world needs to significantly cut greenhouse gas (GhG) emissions by 2030 to avoid the worst effects of climate change. In order to do that, nations, states, and cities must do everything in their power to reduce fossil fuel-based emissions, increase energy efficiency, ramp up renewables, transition to zero-emission transportation, and harness natural systems to drawdown climate pollution.

Many issues above have been well studied. What we need today is meaningful action. Many of the solutions we need are available today. We need programs to accelerate their adoption.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input on HB 3433. We will comment on a few sections, rather than the bill in its entirety.

Section 7 is unnecessary and we respectfully request it be removed. The Clean Fuels Program is already required to report, holds regular public rule-makings, and makes data available on a quarterly basis on DEQ's website. The program is working well and has already reduced 2.73 million metric tons of climate pollution at a compliance cost of about one penny per gallon. It has supported lower carbon, cleaner burning fuels in a wide variety of fleets including school buses, police cars, transit buses, business fleets (like Kroger), and rural electrification (via participation by consumer-owned utilities), among other uses. Requiring additional reporting is an inefficient use of state resources.

We are also concerned that some of the statements in the "whereas" section are not scientifically-based or leave out important context. For example, the bill implies that wildfires are a major source of greenhouse gas emissions, when in fact, they pail in comparison to emissions from the transportation sector. In addition, Oregon's forests used to be much more robust and store more carbon. We are concerned that this bill assumes a baseline of forest carbon stocking that promotes a business-as-usual approach and does not represent the true carbon sequestration potential.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on HB 3433.