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Committee members:

I am Bill Harris, a retired 50 year resident of Oregon and a grandfather of youth 14, 15, and 17 years age. I am intensely interested in the Climate Crisis issue. May you have special courage and strength as you approach a useful, safe course to confront this dangerous threat. Last year consideration of HB2020 was very difficult. Please know that an immense number of people respect your burden and have great hope that you will succeed this year. All delay makes slowing, stopping and reversing the amount of green house gases more and increasingly more difficult as time is allowed to pass.

I appreciate the big difficulty getting a beneficial bill land getting agreement on it. SB1530 is not strong enough to meet green house gas reduction needs. All fossil fuels must be included and have strong ceilings. Exemptions and trade offs must be minimized. Payments to impacted communities need to be firmly guaranteed in the bill. We will fail if we proceed with an inadequate bill.

Cap and Invest is the best structure for Oregon at this time for controlling climate change sufficiently and sharing the burden of the effort in an equitable manner. We are very much in this together.

It is very important to me that you legislators do your best as leaders, coaches, and teachers to support the idea that all Oregonians must make important changes in our lives in order to do our part in reversing unbelievable progressive destruction. We must allocate specific funds to controlling the special economic trouble occurring in impacted communities as we make changes to seek shared survival.

I will think of your challenge often. Please lead us into long-term common good.

Sincerely,
Bill Harris