

Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee,

My name is Madison Daisy and I am 24 years old. In 2007, when I was in the 7th grade, Oregon established greenhouse gas reduction goals with no enforceable plan to reach those goals. HB 4167 is the plan to get us to those goals that reduces pollution and invests in solutions.

I started working on passing cap and invest legislation when I was a junior at PSU where I studied quantitative economics. It began as a class project exploring the impact that fossil fuel energy has on our climate and our communities and what alternatives exist. I attended a public hearing on a cap and invest proposal to learn and hear how Oregonians felt about the draft bill. What I heard that day compelled me to take action.

I spent hundreds of hours in school studying California's cap and invest program because I wanted to understand how cap and invest began, how it was working, and how their model could be improved to serve Oregon's communities. Shortly after I graduated in 2018, the Intergovernmental panel on climate change released a report that said we have until 2030 to drastically cut our emissions in half to avert the most catastrophic effects of climate change. Now, in 2020, we only have 10 years.

This is now my fourth legislative session advocating for cap and invest because the legislature has continued to fail me and my generation. Climate delay is climate denial. Oregon youth, farmworkers, tribes and rural Oregonians are counting on the legislature to protect our communities. We hope you won't let us down.

Thank you,

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