

Dear Chairman Holvey and Members of the Committee

Thank you for your commitment to serve on the House Committee on Rules in order to save our beautiful state of Oregon from the disastrous impacts of global warming.

I'm a resident of rural Southern Oregon, aware of the climate change impacts on rising oceans, acidification of our waters, increases of wildfires, and the threat to our agriculture, our forests, our fisheries, and our natural biological systems.

For most of my adult life I worked as a Mental Health and Substance Abuse Professional - with a focus on helping individuals & families enrich their lives; of course, without emphasis on political affiliation; today, my focus is on protecting the future of our children and grand-children without arguing over their parents' political preference. My view is: **everyone should benefit from a healthy & safe environment**, regardless of a political point of view. Bill HB4167 will benefit ALL of us, regardless of our political stance.

So, please, I urge you, support this Bill that will establish a program in our state to impose a steep downward trajectory on greenhouse gas emissions, encourage carbon sequestration, and allow investing in impacted communities.

Sincerely,

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