

Chair Holvey, and Members of the House Committee on Rules

Re: HB - 4167, Support The Oregon Greenhouse Gas Initiative

My name is Catherine M. Frischmann, I am a retired small business owner, and a resident of Corvallis, Oregon.

As an Oregonian concerned about the impacts of climate disruption today and on the world we will leave our children and grandchildren, I thank you for your diligent work on SB 1530, legislation to take action to address the urgent climate crisis. Scientists only give us till 2030 to cut our climate pollution in half to prevent irreversible impacts.

We all must recognized that cap-and-invest system to stem climate pollution has a successful history in California, Quebec and 10 NE states. Proof is that their economies are booming, 1,000 of news jobs have been created, and the greenhouse gas emissions have been reduced.

Climate change caused by excessive greenhouse gas emissions demands action now. The U.S. government's science panel representing 13 federal agencies issued a blunt warning in the Fourth National Climate Assessment (NCA) released in November, 2018, writing that global warming is a growing threat to human life, property and ecosystems across the country, and that the economic damage—from worsening heat waves, extreme weather, sea level rise, droughts and wildfires—will spiral in the coming decades. The country can reduce those costs if the U.S. and the rest of the world cut their greenhouse gas emissions, particularly the burning of fossil fuels. Capping greenhouse gas emissions now will avoid hundreds of billions of dollars of future damages and the stem the immigration of climate crisis refugees to Oregon.

Thank you again for tackling the issue of the century. I implore you to stand strong and act to curb harmful emissions for the health and future of the people of our great state. It is critical that this bill pass now; waiting to do nothing is not an option for a future for my grandchildren, and yours. The bill will create clean energy jobs, speed our transition to clean and renewable energy sources, assist rural and tribal communities impacted economically by the bill, and address the climate emergency in Oregon.

Thank you for your hard work and time.

cc: Representative Dan Rayfield

Senator Sara Gelser