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Dear Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my support for the Governor's nominee for the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC), Amy Schlusser. I believe she will bring a fair, well-balanced, and informed perspective to the important work of the commission.

As citizen volunteers, EQC members take on an incredibly important task of overseeing the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). This task is time consuming and demanding, and I am always humbled by the willingness of talented people to volunteer for this important civic duty. Amy will bring her many talents to this work in addition to her education, work experience, expertise, and work ethic.

Amy will offer the commission an intimate knowledge of environmental law, as the EQC does not currently have a practicing attorney. Amy will fill that gap with her deep knowledge of environmental law, and Oregon law in particular. As a graduate of Lewis and Clark Law School and a practicing attorney with the Green Energy Institute, Amy has had ample opportunity to study and learn the law. Amy received her J.D. cum laude and her LL.M. summa cum laude from Lewis & Clark Law School's Environmental, Natural Resources, and Energy Law program. The important perspective she brings will give the commission an independent voice that will keep DEQ accountable to their legislative mandate.

With the nomination of Greg Addington and Amy, Governor Brown has indicated that she wants an EQC that will understand and incorporate the perspectives of industries impacted by regulation and those seeking to protect Oregon's natural resources.

I support the Governor's approach and encourage you to vote yes on the nomination of Amy Schlusser.

Sincerely,

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