

Chair Marsh and members of the House Committee on Energy and Environment

Righting the wrongs of the past is one of our most sacred duties as citizens of today. For too long our culture has dismissed the needs of the disadvantaged and blamed them, blamed the victims, for their plight. As a new white member of pdxNAACP my eyes are being opened to the injustices of marginalization redlining and siting industrial polluters near BIPOC schools, parks and homes.

I urge you to support HB 2488 to add climate change adaptation, atmospheric carbon reduction and sequestration, and environmental justice to the responsibilities of the Land Conservation and Development Commission. These were not recognized concerns when LCDC was formed in the 1970's, but they definitely are now, and should be included in statewide planning goals. Thank you for your thorough consideration of and reasoned judgment on this bill. And thank you for all you do for the Common Good of Oregonians.