

Dear Chairperson Marsh, Vice-Chairpersons Helm and Smith and Members of the House Committee on Energy and Environment, I strongly encourage your support for HB 2488. This bill will provide long-needed reforms to achieve statewide planning goals.

We need a comprehensive and thoughtful approach to address climate change mitigation and adaptation, equity, hazard risk reduction and environmental justice in these areas. HB 2488 will provide this.

A single new statewide land use planning goal - Goal 20 - would insure that climate, equity and environmental justice are addressed in statewide land use planning decisions. This is important, and indeed vital, for decisions that our local governments are making or about to make concerning comprehensive plans for urban growth boundaries as well as plans for urban and rural reserves. The impacts of such decisions need to fully consider those issues related to climate as well as environmental justice.

I also urge you and the entire Committee on Energy and Environment to indicate your support for the recommended budget of \$800,000 to both initiate and finish the adoption of Goal 20 for Equity and Climate in this biennium. Thank you very much for your consideration. Sincerely, Susan Weinstein, Fairview, Oregon