

I am writing in support of HB 2488. As a life-long Oregonian who loves and has always tried to care for this beautiful state, I see a need for what this bill sets out to accomplish. We need to act now to deal with climate change. If the wildfires have taught us nothing else, they have taught us that we must do what we can to turn things around. We need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions among other things; we need to set goals and work to meet them.

And the bill does more than that. It addresses racial inequality in policy and planning. It brings other voices to the table. Voices that have long been silenced. These are often the communities most impacted by climate change.

HB2488 needs to happen now. It is time to bring our goals for land use and environment justice to the realities of the 21st century. HB 2488 is a good start.

Respectfully,
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