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House Committee On Energy and Environment
Representative Pam Marsh, Chair
Representative Ken Helm, Vice-Chair
Representative David Brock Smith, Vice-Chair
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Testimony in support of House Bill 2488-1

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice Chair Helm, Vice Chair Brock Smith, and members of the Committee,

I am writing to you as a 43-year member of the Oregon planning community, a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners, a member of the American Planning Association's Legislative and Policy Committee, and as Chair of the national committee that produced the 2021 APA Climate Change Policy Guide.

I strongly support the development of a new Climate Change Goal. I have been working on various efforts for at least the last 15 years to elevate climate change as a primary factor in planning for the long-term sustainability of Oregon's communities. While LCDC and OTC have been actively working on various measures to encourage and facilitate the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions over the years, creation of a Climate Change Goal has always been the most important tool to achieve comprehensive policies and actions at the community level to ensure all of Oregon's cities and counties are participating in addressing the causes and consequences of climate change.

The APA Climate Change Policy Guide strongly advocates for state level action through its State Policy A.4. - Advocate for state climate change plans, policies, programs and projects. The Guide also has a number of other policy recommendations which help all planners and decisionmakers at the community level determine how to implement the most effective set of policies to achieve significant reductions in GHG emissions. It is critical, however, within the context of Oregon's planning program for the state to strongly reinforce local communities when they implement climate measures. Without a state goal these measures are very unlikely to happen as uniformly, expeditiously, or effectively as with a new goal since there will be no state mandate to do so.

Thank you for your consideration concerning this critically important legislation for the long-term future of Oregon.

Sincerely,
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