

Dear Co-Chairs Johnson, Steiner Hayward and Rayfield, and members of the committee;

For the record, my name is Elise Shearer and I live in Tigard, Oregon. As you consider how to balance the state budget and use federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act, I ask you to lift all Oregonians by ensuring an equitable economic recovery for our entire state.

As you shape the legislative budget for the 2021 - 2023 biennium, please fully fund agencies working to meet our state's climate and equity goals.

Specifically, please prioritize full funding for our state natural resource, environmental, and health agencies to support family-wage green jobs, which protect public health, and reduce harmful climate pollution.

Build a better, healthier, more resilient Oregon for all, by supporting funding opportunities that promote job growth and equitable health outcomes, lift all workers and frontline communities, and mitigate climate impacts by supporting a planned transition to a clean energy economy.

That includes funding to:

- All the program areas for the Governor's Climate Executive Order, also known as the Oregon Climate Action Plan (OCAP)
- **Reinstate Oregon's Residential Energy Tax Credit Program**
- **Support hybrid and electric vehicles and infrastructure, especially in the freight industry** and equitable, climate-smart transportation planning at the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCDD) and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).
- Implement greenhouse gas reduction programs currently underway at the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), including the Climate Protection Program and the Statewide Transportation Strategy.
- Invest in environmental justice land use planning that ensures state climate work advances equity-driven solutions.
- Commit to equitable outcomes and environmental justice by funding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion staff in a number of natural resource agencies.

Thank you for your consideration,

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