

Dear Senator Sollman, Vice-Chair Senator Findley, members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment:

I encourage you to vote in favor of SB 522, which will update the Oregon Global Warming Commission and will update its climate goals. As an Oregon citizen, a grandfather and a family doctor, I feel urgency to prevent the worst projections about climate deterioration. Our grandchildren deserve a livable future, but we are still a long way from ensuring that.

This bill will bring our climate targets in line with safer projections based on the current science. It clarifies the Commission's role in leading our state's climate efforts and it increases representation by directors of key state agencies and by volunteers from important constituencies, that of youth and of environmental justice.

I look forward to supporting a forthcoming amendment that will revise the bill to reflect the recommendations of the OGWC and Oregon Department of Energy's TIGHGER report, which is based on comprehensive modeling and stakeholder engagement process;

I strongly support these updated statutory targets for greenhouse gas emissions reductions of at least 45% below 1990 levels by 2030, at least 70% below 1990 levels by 2040, and at least 95% below 1990 levels by 2050;

SB 522 deserves your support because we already are suffering from erratic weather causing crop loss, our forests are showing unprecedented losses, our fisheries are depleted, excessive heat is killing Oregonians; yet we know this is just the harbinger of disasters to come. Time is of the essence. This bill will help to accelerate the amazing progress we have already made. I hope it will be an additional step bringing us closer to a bright future, rather than one that is greatly impoverished from the world in which we grew up.

For these reasons, **I strongly urge you to support SB 522 with the forthcoming amendment.** Thank you for your service to all of us!

Sincerely,

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