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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB522

I am very much in favor of SB 522, which will support continued climate progress in Oregon by strengthening our state greenhouse gas reduction goals and modernizing the Oregon Global Warming Commission (OGWC).

This timely legislation will bring Oregon into the 21st century by updating our long-outdated climate goals to align with the best available science.

It will also improve coordination and direction of the OGWC by increasing representation on and clarifying the role of the Commission in overseeing state climate progress.

I strongly support the 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.

I support SB 522 because of the vital role of the OGWC in overseeing and informing the state's climate policy agenda. With less than a decade remaining to cut global greenhouse gas emission in half to avoid catastrophic and irreversible climate impacts, the urgency of the climate crisis has never been more stark.

I urge you to vote YES on SB 522.

Thank you.

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