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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB522

Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Linda Ganzini and I have been an Oregon resident since 1961. I currently live in Lake Oswego with my husband Ronald Heintz.

We are pleased with Oregon's progress over the last few years in strengthening laws to mitigate climate pollution, but more is needed. Our greenhouse gas emissions are not falling as fast as we need to make 2030 targets recommended by experts in climate science. Like many, we thought that climate change would be a problem in the future, but we are seeing many negative effects in Oregon now. My husband and I have struggled with the effects of fires and the severe heat of the last few years. We are very worried about our children's future. We write in support of SB 522, which will strengthen our state greenhouse gas reduction goals, update our goals to align with the best available science, clarify the role of the Oregon Global Warming Commission (OGWC) in overseeing state climate progress and modernize the OGWC.

We support 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. Key to progress in reducing emissions, we support the new statutory 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.

In summary, we strongly support the OGWC's recommendation for updating Oregon's statutory climate targets to be 1) consistent with the best available science, and 2) aligned with the high level of climate leadership we are seeing in other jurisdictions.

We strongly urge you to support SB 522 with the forthcoming amendment.

Thank you for your service.

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