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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB522

Esteemed Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley and members of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee members,

As an extremely concerned grandmother of two and retired elementary school teacher of many, I support the following mandates and updates to the Oregon Global Warming Commission:

- Make GHG reduction goals as stringent as possible, in alignment with the most up-to-date science, to be revised in the future to reflect new scientific data. Update statutory greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets to 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.
- Change the name to the Oregon Climate Action Commission.
- Add two new voting members to the Commission: one representing Environmental Justice communities, one representing youth, as well as additional non-voting members.
- Clarify the role of the Commission in overseeing the progress being made by state agencies in meeting climate goals. Support the commission with paid staff as needed.

To paraphrase Greta Thunberg, “I want you to behave as if the house is on fire...because it is!”

Time is ever-shorter for our state to slow ever-greater climate instability and the decline in natural systems upon which we depend.

Please support SB 522 with amendments to maximize our state's progress in emissions reduction goals.

Thank you.