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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB522

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

My name is Harriet Cooke. I live in Portland, and am a member of the Havurah Shalom Climate Action Team, the P'nai Or Tikkun Olam committee, and 350PDX.

I am writing in support of SB522, changing the name of the Oregon Global Warming Commission to Oregon Climate Action Commission, strengthening Oregon's GHG reduction goals, and helping to ensure the resources needed by the committee for optimal oversight of growing climate related issues.

Though we may be a drop in the bucket of rising global GHG's (melting permafrost, torched forests etc), targeting stricter goals will help push us to energy and transportation modalities that are safer, cleaner, and far less toxic than fossil fuels.

This name change will invite the commission to the broader needs and issues associated with global warming. As our warming trajectory advances, the needs for actions for resilience and support will be great. A Climate Action Commission better identifies a broad array of activities needed to address the challenges associated with global warming.

Thank you.

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