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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 Mark Puhlman and I live in Lake Oswego, OR with my wife Leah.

We have become increasingly alarmed at the rapid pace of the warming of the Earth resulting from Green House Gas (GHG) Emissions. These gasses, as we know, are a result of the use of fossil fuels to generate electricity, operate internal combustion engines, and warm our homes. Oregon has made a bold move to limit these gasses by changing to renewable sources of electricity in our state.

SB 522 is a good bill. It establishes a goal of achieving GHG levels that are at least 45 percent below 1990 levels by 2035, adjusts 2050 goal to achieve GHG levels that are at least 80 percent, rather than 75 percent below 1990 levels currently in law.

The name change from "Oregon Global Warming Commission" to "Oregon Climate Action Commission" more accurately reflects current scientific terminology.

The changes in the membership of the commission and the requirements for periodic reporting of progress toward our goals make the commission more responsive to the public.

In conclusion, we support this bill and ask for its rapid adoption.

Sincerely

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