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Thank you Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Levy and Levy, members of the Committee for your work on this bill.

Our organization represents about 2000 stakeholders in Central Oregon. Also, thank you for the opportunity to testify today in support of HB 3196, a bill to support strong implementation of Oregon's cornerstone Climate Protection Program (CPP).

This bill is essential to achieving Oregon's climate pollution goals. Its important that we encourage the fossil fuel industry to invest in cleaner alternatives rather than planet destroying fossil fuels.

This is a win-win for regulated entities and Oregon communities: it provides fossil fuel suppliers flexibility in achieving their required emissions reductions, while providing meaningful benefits and investments in communities of color, Tribal, low-income, rural, and coastal communities across Oregon.

Scientists say we are in a climate crisis, and need bold actions to avoid catastrophic climate impacts.

We need strong regulatory framework and follow up to ensure that the fossil fuel industry does its share. At every opportunity, they seek to derail and/or avoid reducing their dangerous emissions.

More than ever, we must not allow this to happen. HB 3166 is the path forward on this goal.