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To:

Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Levy and Levy, and members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment

Written Testimony in Support of HB3196 – Strong Community Climate Investments

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this important bill.

The Climate Protection Program (CPP) was adopted with widespread support and has tremendous promise to help Oregon achieve its climate goals and to protect the residents and the environment of our state, while also creating clean energy jobs and boosting the state economy.

The Community Climate Investment (CCI) program within the CPP is a win-win for communities and for the regulated entities who will begin to use this mechanism to comply with CCP decarbonization requirements.

The CCI program needs effective and adequate oversight to ensure that CCI investments deliver on the required emissions reductions and the benefits to communities as mandated by the program. This bill will enable the Department of Environmental Quality to provide that oversight and accountability.

Please support this bill.

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