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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB3196

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Chair Marsh and Committee:

I favor passage of HB 3196.

I am grateful for the opportunity to testify on a bill that is workable and is essential for necessary major reduction of green house gases (GHG) from liquid transportation fuel sold in Oregon. Transportation fuel is our major source of green house gas production.

Vehicle fuel suppliers will be required to meet an annually decreasing cap on GHG of their product or have the choice of paying a Community Climate Investment entity the carbon price for the GHG that exceeds their cap for that year. In turn the CCI sponsor will invest the money in climate protection programs in impacted communities including building weatherization, heat pump space heating and air conditioning, heat pump water heating, vehicle charging and training of under-employed people to do the work.

So.....liquid fuel distributors have a business option to help them manage their shrinking cap in fuel sales. Communities have increased economic activity, job training, jobs, healthier housing for people and businesses and the GHG equivalent of the fuel sold over the cap has been reduced.

This important process will require supervision and data collection by an increase in skilled DEQ staff paid by a fee from the individual CCIs. The fee will be a small part of the payment from the liquid fuel suppliers to the CCIs.

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