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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB3152

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As an engaged citizen with children and grandchildren who I expect to live in Oregon for many years to come I think HB 3152 makes a great deal of sense. I am convinced that climate change is by far the biggest threat to a livable future in Oregon. "Natural Gas" is a fossil fuel which produces greenhouse gas emissions which exacerbate climate change. I would prefer to see new natural gas infrastructure banned but to allow the PUC to decrease the subsidies is a step in the right direction.

We can, or at least could have, met the challenge of climate change but time is running out very quickly. Many industries must change what they do or how they do things, not just the natural gas industry. I am in the "forest management" business and we too must change how we do things - at some expense. We all have contributions to make to protect the Oregon we love from the worst effects of climate change and to leave our future generations with the best possible future. SB 3152 is not coercive but just give the PUC the option of reducing subsidies for new fossil fuel (natural gas) infrastructure (what a no-brainer) and allows some protection for the most vulnerable rate payers.

I urge you to pass HB 3152. You will be on the right side of history and your children and grandchildren will thank you - even perhaps the ones who might work for NW Natural.

Please don't let some corporations sort term profit be more important than the long term livability of the place we love.

Thank you for your good work.

Sincerely,

Sarah Deumling