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On Behalf
Of:

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 4083. This bill is very near and dear to me as a PERS recipient and former teacher who spent decades teaching middle schoolers about the need to listen to the science and address the climate emergency. I was a member of the Portland Public Schools Climate Justice Committee and worked to pass climate literacy and resiliency policy at the district level. However, without a commitment from the state to stop investing in coal, the future of our youth is dim.

This small, but significant step is important for me and thousands of others who depend on PERS for our retirement. Coal is not a good investment, financially or environmentally and we know it. I hope that we can lead by action and pass the COAL Act to preserve what we love about Oregon and to show our children that the state takes the health and safety of their future seriously. Thank you for your support of HB 4083.

Sincerely,
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