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On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General  
Government, and Veterans

Measure: HB4083

Hello,

As a resident of Portland, Oregon, I want to encourage you to support the COAL Act as an easily achievable, necessary first step to divesting our state's financial and economic health from the the coal industry. Not only is coal a bad financial investment, as we can see in the performance of coal investments as of late, but coal is damaging to the environment, climate, and public health. There is no reason to continue putting good money after bad when the financial and environmental writing is on the wall for the future of coal, especially for Oregonians: it has no place in our future if we want to live healthy, prosperous lives.

HB 4083 requires no funding and aligns with the will of other Oregonians like myself who want to make a change for the better, but may not have any say in where their investments go, forcing them to sacrifice the long-term health of our planet and our communities for short-term, increasingly lackluster profitability. Please work to enact the will of Oregonians, who have already said no to coal, and enact HB 4083.