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On Behalf
Of:

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

Measure: HB4083

I am a life long Oregonian and an advocate for EJ and CC. I watched the Hearing on 2/8. I agreed 110% with all those who testified in support of HB 4083. Duly noted, compelling testimony by those who described the loss in market value on investments in Coal.

Clearly, it is time to disinvest from this industry!

I was moved by testimony of various educators who talked about our duty to protect children. Then there was a woman who was on the panel with Rep. Khanh Pham who described her experience as a child noting coal dust thruout her grandmother's home. The statistics on premature deaths due to exposure to coal was overwhelming!

Finally, was moved to tears as one man described his father's battle with cancer. His lungs were damaged as if

he had been a life long smoker (he was NOT!) due to exposure to coal!

I do not know how many more stories like this you need to hear. I am a Senior and do not know how many more years I have on this planet. I will continue to dedicate my time and energy to saving the planet for the generations behind me.

I implore you to move HB 4083 and get it passed!

A couple thoughts in closing. I remember when Governor Tom McCall started his life's mission to protect Oregon's

Natural Resources, rivers, forests, the ocean. Oregon was the first state to pass a Bottle Bill 1971.

Then McCall worked with Portland Mayor Neil Goldschmidt to implement one of the first city wide Recycling programs, mid-late 70's.

Finally, under the leadership of Mayor Bud Clark, along with Tri-Met, one of the first Light Rail Systems in the country

was developed and opened in the 1980's. Tom McCall was no longer Governor by then BUT he devoted the rest of his life to protecting our Environment.

PLEASE honor Governor McCall's legacy by passing HB 4083.

Thank you!

Babs Vanelli, Proud Oregonian.

