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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB1559

Committee Members,

My name is Freddy Finney-Jordet; I use he/him. I'm a climate activist based in Bend, and a student at Willamette University.

Every year around August, Central Oregon is choked by smoke from wildfires that are exacerbated by climate change. We are in a drought that has been exacerbated by climate change. Climate change is a global problem, but its causes as well as its effects are found here in Oregon just like many other places.

Oregonians are being harmed by the current effects of climate change at the same time that our state worsens those effects. But there are plenty of effective policy options we can take to diminish the extent to which we contribute to the climate crisis. SB1559 is a much needed policy to fight climate change and enable more action in the future. We need the concrete goals outlined in the bill. Importantly, they should be labeled as such--goals. Oregonians don't need aspirations. We need action.

I urge you to support SB1559 in its strongest form, and to prioritize its passage.

Sincerely,

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