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On Behalf Of:

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Hello Committee Members,

My name is Kristen Sartor and I live in Portland. Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of this crucial legislation.

I am a mental health therapist in Portland. Every day I see the climate chaos induced anxiety, depression, despair, and hopelessness in my clients. Many people are worried that there is not going to be a livable planet for them in 50 years. Every day there is a new "natural" disaster- from the wildfires here in Oregon, to the flooding in California, to the droughts, smoke, floods, hurricanes, heat waves, etc all over the world. We recently had an ice storm that many people are still recovering from, as houses were destroyed, lives were lost, and people suffered immeasurably.

We need to do everything that we can to mitigate climate catastrophe. We need to move away from coal. In this society, where we invest and put our money, carries serious weight. It is inevitable that we will continue to move away from coal- the time to divest is now. Passing this bill is one small step that you can take to ensure a livable future for the next generation. Your grandchildren's futures are at stake.

Thank you,
Kristen Sartor