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On Behalf Of:

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Chair Meek, Vice Chair McLane and members of the committee,

I have lived in Oregon my entire life, and as a taxpayer, I don't like that my dollars are going to fund fossil fuel investments.

While I would like Oregon's net zero plan to be stronger than it is, it's a step in the right direction. Let's get going on a path to reduce carbon emissions by ending more investments in the biggest carbon emitters!

Additionally, more than 400,000 Oregonians and their families depend on PERS for their retirement. We don't want to entrust our future to the fossil fuel industry, which has lied to us for decades and caused huge injury to our planet – and is still lying. Why invest in an untrustworthy industry?

How can we in Oregon, with our commitment to a green future, continue to invest in fossil fuels? Let us continue our leadership in environmental progress and pass the Pause Act to preserve our treasured landscape for generations to come.

I support the Pause Act - SB 681. I care about the climate, I'm a taxpayer whose money supports PERS, and I care how the Oregon PERS funds are invested. No NEW private investments in fossil fuels!

Thank you.