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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB681

I strongly support SB 681, the "Pause Act."

I am someone who depends on the continued strength of PERS to pay my monthly bills. I am also a mother and grandmother and worry about how climate change and our continued reliance on fossil fuels will endanger my children's and grandchildren's futures, as well as that of all future generations.

With the future of oil now on a collision course with the future of our planet, it is not the time to assist or invest in fossil fuels. On the contrary, we should be investing in green energy, especially since solar is now the world's cheapest source of energy, and renewable capacity is growing. Oregon's investments should reflect our state's support of renewables, not of carbon-based energy. There are many alternative investments that are safe and secure. Our leaders should not take unnecessary risks with the current and future income of the 400,000 Oregonians who depend on PERS -nor that of the futures of our children, grandchildren, and all future generations.

Please support SB 681 and move the Pause Act out of committee.