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Co-Chairs Leiber and Sanchez and Members of the Committee:

I am very much in favor of adequate financial support of the continued and growing very strong climate change programs Oregon has now established. These programs are an essential part of our state's doing our share in the effort to control greenhouse gas release and facilitate resilience against the threats of Climate Change to which impacted communities are most vulnerable. Current confusion and uncertainty in the federal government make it even more important that Climate effort grow stronger and better in our state and locally.

The CPP program by DEQ is an example of a very imaginative effective program. This program:

--sets a gradually reduced ceiling on the annual volume of fossil fuel suppliers may sell. It gives them the business option to pay a price per ton of GHG released to designated community organizations which use the money reduce GHG release and facilitate community resilience by:

- training local people for local climate construction and future maintenance of:
  - building weatherization
  - installation of heat pump space and water heating
  - installing vehicle battery charging stations
  - hardening against wildfire

This process will continue to require coordination..... with the benefit of reduction of release of Green House Gas AND increased community resilience.

Possibly some fossil fuel investment will shift to electricity generation, transmission and efficient use.

Respectfully,  
Bill Harris