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Thank you for the opportunity to speak in favor of this amendment.

My name is Pattie Sloan. I am a member of the United Methodist Church, co-founder of Salem Environmental Faith network and co-leader of the United Methodist Creation Care and Resilience Team of OR/IA. I came here today to represent both organizations who support this bill.

When we read this bill, we are immediately drawn to the word polluters; however, when I look at this bill, I see people. I see how much the people of Oregon and how much they have already lost through climate change and the use of fossil fuels. To allow this to continue, and to further burden the people of Oregon environmentally and financially, is a wrong committed against your constituents.

We must not forget about the people,

I believe and know that the environment and our lives are linked. To harm the environment is to harm humanity. The fossil fuel industry has chosen to ignore what the climate is doing to our crops and our health.

We must make the people who do damage our environment be held accountable. We must protect the people and the environment of Oregon. That is what we are called to do.

I will be calling on all people of faith to support this bill.

Thank you