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**To:** Patrino Beth  
**Subject:** HB3250

Dear Members of the House Energy and Environment Committee,

I'm writing to ask for your support of establishing a cap on carbon emissions in Oregon. HB 3250 is an extremely effective way to educate the public on the impact of burning fossil fuels. It is a way for Oregon to set an example for the whole nation. The public would see the profit that energy corporations pocket redistributed to the citizens of the state. It would be an effective way to force companies to acknowledge that there are deep costs associated with mining the earth for all of its fossilized fuel.

Climate change is real. Reliable scientific research has shown that we need to reduce the level of greenhouse gas emissions by 85% in order to avoid a rapid rise in the earth's temperature. We are in a very precarious and dangerous situation and strong action must be taken now. I believe that our state and its people who so deeply appreciate the natural world will get behind this bill, especially when the auction proceeds will be redistributed to every Oregonian.

Energy companies think about the bottom line. However, the health of our planet and the health and well-being of its beautiful diverse occupants are priceless. Energy companies do not think about the future and we, the citizens need to wake up and hold them accountable. It can begin here in our state!

I hope you will support HB 3250 and do everything in your power to make this legislation law.

Sincerely,

Barbara Sklar

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