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Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 10:11 AM
To: Patrino Beth
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Subject: Testimony in support of HB 3250

Dear Members of the House Energy and Environment Committee,

I'm asking for your support of HB 3250, which would put a cap on carbon emissions by auctioning allowances and distribute the revenue back to Oregonians. I've been fighting to keep climate change from destroying hope for a better future since the 1990s.

Back then, the alarm on greenhouse gas pollution had already been sounded for twenty years, and yet policy makers in the most forward thinking states in America still can't understand that action needs to happen now. Every year we lose makes it exponentially more expensive to stop the droughts, fires, floods, diseases, and economic hardship that climate change brings. We need a holistic solution to free ourselves of dirty energy, and HB 3250 is Oregon's opportunity to lead the way.

HB 3250 would bring our greenhouse gas emissions 85% below 1990 levels by 2050, matching the reduction rate we need to avoid a 2°C rise in global temperature averages.

States are the laboratories of democracy, and there's no better state than Oregon to inspire federal climate action. HB 3250 would disprove the myth that climate change is some elaborate trick to grow the size of government. And by returning the auction proceeds to every Oregonian, it would prove that the burden of climate stability need not be borne by low-income families.

We don't have the luxury of winning this struggle twice. HB 3250 would create Oregon's very own Alaska Permanent Fund: loathed by polluters, adored by the electorate. Alaska holds polluters accountable for the extraction of fossil fuels, Oregon should hold them accountable for treating our atmosphere like a sewer.

A simple majority in both chambers would put HB 3250 on the Governor's desk, and no constitutional amendment would be necessary to address Section 3a, Article IX.

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

Sincerely,

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