



Chairman Vega Pederson, and members of the Committee, my name is Mark DeWeirdt and I am the Building Performance Executive at MacDonald Miller Facility Solutions. I am here today to support carbon pricing in Oregon. I commend you for hosting this forum on such an important issue of our time.

Let me first tell you a bit about MacDonald Miller.

- We make buildings work.
- We employ roughly 800 engineers and field craftsmen across the Pacific Northwest, and we are growing. These are strong middle class jobs.
- We emphasize operating our business in a low-carbon way.
- We enable our customers to do the same through energy efficiency measures in the built environment.

As the mechanical contractor of choice in Washington and Oregon, MacDonald-Miller provides mechanical engineering, design-build construction, custom metal fabrication, building system service and maintenance, and energy management programs. We are committed to managing our business activities and internal practices in a sustainable manner, including making our best efforts to reduce our carbon footprint.

At MacDonald Miller, we believe that Oregon's business community is at its best when it is operating efficiently. That is when we have the greatest opportunity to compete and be successful.

We see carbon pollution simply as excess consumption or waste.

Whether it is wasted energy in buildings or fuel in vehicles these carbon pollution waste streams are a sign of our economy's inefficiency. When we have inefficiency in our economy, our competitiveness suffers.

Putting a price on this carbon waste will send the correct economic signals to the marketplace and will drive investments in efficiencies and low-carbon fuel sources. It will also help accomplish the goals we have to enhance the business climate in this State.

Committee members, as you struggle to balance the revenue needs of essential state services, please consider the elegance of pricing carbon pollution.

Perry England, VP of Building Performances and MacDonald Miller, said, "The riskiest decision a business person can make is to do nothing. Climate change is happening. It will continue and it is impacting our businesses whether you believe it or not."

On October 27, 2014, MacDonald-Miller joined Oregon and Washington businesses urging our states to take action on climate change. Currently, nearly 500 business between our two states – including Nike, Intel, Microsoft, Medford Fabrication, Skanska, Moda Health, and many more – have called for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

At the launch of the Oregon and Washington Business Climate Declarations, it was communicated clearly that this is a time of huge business risk and also immense economic opportunity for our states. This is the time for the clean energy economy to develop and businesses are leading the way in Oregon and Washington!

As an engineer and business executive, I understand you must measure what matters, put a price on what you don't want, and invest in the future.

Carbon pricing – when done correctly – can do this in a very encompassing manner. It can effectively manage the impacts on our energy intensive industries and low-income households. It is good fiscal policy and I urge you to continue the conversation on carbon pricing in Oregon.

Thank you.

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