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To: [SENR Exhibits](#)
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Dear Committee Members,

As a citizen of Oregon since 1971, I've watched with increasing dread as our glaciers have receded, our forests have gone up in flames, and our weather has become wildly unpredictable. Clearly our climate is changing, and scientists are clear we've done it ourselves by burning fossil fuels. We've all-but missed our chance to make a difference, but it's not too late to slow things down. We need to transition to a clean energy economy as quickly as possible.

Carbon caps work. We must employ the best available science and phase in a binding cap system.

Voluntary caps don't work. Oregon's Clean Energy and Coal Transition plan was a good start, but needs teeth. Case in point: PGE plans to replace its Boardman Coal-fired plant with three gas-fired plants - providing no reduction in greenhouse gases once the upstream emissions are counted.

Please. We've only seen the beginning of the climate disasters. My children and grandchildren will suffer through much worse unless we act as soon as possible. Please, for the sake of Oregon's future pass a carbon capping bill this legislature. Oregon is already a leader in the green economy. Let's create the economy of the future now, before it's too late.

Sincerely,
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