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To: SENR Exhibits  
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Dear Committee Members,

As a resident of Southern Oregon since 2006, and prior to that, many years spent in Oregon as a young person, a college student and a resident of Portland in the mid 70s, I've watched Oregon Legislature lead the way for the rest of the country in many areas of living life powerfully on Planet Earth.

One of those areas is Green Economy. Thank you and you are not done.

Now as we are experiencing a climate that is clearly changing...its erratic, almost unpredictable years has had within the last four years here in Southern Oregon the pendulum swinging from nearly no snow melt for two years in a row to the last two years with much snow...but wedged in between is some of the most snap crackling dry summers with increased fire and forest deprivation in the form of dying, bug-infested trees do to the drought. As we look with dread that our glaciers have receded, our forests have gone up in flames, and our weather has become wildly unpredictable. 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. Now...not someday.

Carbon caps work. We must employ the best available science and phase in a binding cap system with teeth. If left to be voluntary, corporations like PGE will make plans at this time to replace its Boardman Coal-fired plant with three gas-fired plants - providing no reduction in greenhouse gases once the upstream emissions are counted. This is not where we need to be going. We DO have the technology to go about this differently.

Please. Keep Oregon legislature powerfully addressing this issue standing for its passage.

We've only seen the beginning of the climate disasters. My three grandchildren will suffer through much worse of this climate unpredictability that lies ahead unless we act as soon as possible.

For the sake of Oregon's future pass a carbon capping bill THIS legislature. Oregon has already shown itself to be a leader in the green economy. Let's put the teeth into that leadership by creating the economy of the future now, before it's too late.

Thank you.

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