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Honorable Committee Members. Please pass SB557.

Climate change is real. We see it all over the world and in Oregon. As temperatures rise the air holds more moisture creating droughts followed by weather bombs of torrential rain and flooding. Family farms are a big part of Oregon's economy and will not be able to survive with wild fluctuations of weather. We see pine beetle infestations that kill our trees and warm temperatures dry our forests then fires are so severe they cause immediate health problems in surrounding areas. The oceans are becoming so acid that our oysters and fishing industry is threatened. The scope of the threat is overwhelming to me. And yet there are solutions. I can and do conserve and invest in renewable energy but I can not solve this alone. We Oregonians must take action together.

We all deserve clean air and water. It is time that the big polluters pay their fair share for clean air and water. For generations the Federal government has subsidized the fossil fuel industry. These polluting sources of energy have never been priced at their true cost to us and our children. It is time, past time, for the fossil fuel industry to invest their profits into the transition to renewable energy.

Clean economy jobs are growing 11% a year in Oregon. These are good jobs for construction workers, engineers, and designers in manufacturing, sales, and maintenance. SB557 will increase these jobs and provide funds to position these good paying jobs in the poor rural and urban neighborhoods that need them.

Capping carbon and reinvesting the money from the allowances works. It has worked in California and Canada and in Nine Northeastern states. These programs provide guidance and an alliance to ensure Oregon's capping carbon program will work.

We are a small state and we are an environmental state with good people who want to do the right thing for future generations. Capping carbon and creating new jobs in renewable energy is an investment we must make for Oregon and our way of life.

Please pass SB557 to ensure a just transition to renewable energy. Together we can mitigate and adapt to climate change. It's not the planet we must save, it is ourselves.

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