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Chair Dembrow, Chair Vega Pederson and members of the committee,

I'm writing to express my strong support for SB557 and HB2468

We have been treading water for far too long on climate change, waiting for action elsewhere, hoping that we have a little longer until the impacts are felt here at home in Oregon. The time to act has come; we can no longer wait for movement at the federal level and the impacts are here. Moreover, Oregon is uniquely situated to share the lead with our west-coast partners who have already placed a cap and price on climate pollution. The systems are in place, ready for us to join and reap the economic and public health benefits.

I'm ready to shift from explaining to my six-year old daughter how the smoke-choked summer days come from nearby wildfires that burn more broadly thanks to climate change, to telling her about the good choices that Oregon legislators are making to protect her generation. I want her to experience the bounty and joys of our state - mild weather, amazing shellfish and salmon, clean air and lush forests - not the ills brought on by a rapidly changing climate brought on because no one bothered to limit fossil fuel pollution.

I'm writing now to plea that you put a price on climate pollution and put the money towards solutions that will further reduce the pollution, build our resilience to the impacts of climate change, and protect the most vulnerable. There are so many positive ways to invest: transit, bike and pedestrian infrastructure to decrease fossil fuel use from transportation; energy efficiency measures for low-income and rental housing; our coastal communities, who will be hit the hardest; improved water management for a future where more of our precipitation falls as rain instead of the snow that sustains us through the dry summers.

Thank you for taking this testimony and for this hearing.

Signed,

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