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I am a retired science teacher and one of my motivations in writing to you today is that I learned so much about the wondrous forms of life during the time I taught biology to 15 year olds. I found amazing transparent critters in the stream out behind the school that I then could introduce my students to. Later I taught geology to 8th graders and really learned how we have all these diverse forms of life that took hundreds of millions of long years to develop. We and the Earth have come so far, I am so sad and appalled that our use of fossil fuels is now, inadvertently, making life more and more impossible for such treasures as starfish and oysters on the west coast and song birds throughout our country. To say nothing of the threats to people from excess heat, forest fires, bad air quality.

So I am watching your committee's work in considering legislation to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. You are our best hope of owning our (Oregon's) share of these emissions and taking responsibility for cutting them.

I have studied SB557 and I attended DEQ hearings on their market study for capping emissions. I urge you to support and approve a market based capping carbon bill that sets the cap based on good scientific data. I urge you to use much of the revenues as provided by SB557 to benefit communities who have seen little or no economic development, to benefit regions of Oregon which need clean jobs such as would come with green energy development.

I also urge you to improve the legislation by reducing the use of "offsets", which are often not real reductions in emissions. We need to raise our goals for reducing Oregon's emissions and make the cap and invest legislation as beneficial as possible.

Thank you for the hard work you do. But we are counting on you since you are the only ones in a position to do anything about the threatening climate chaos!

Yours truly,

Judith Perry