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Senators Dembrow, Olsen, Baertschiger Jr, Prozanski, and Roblan

My name is Emily Herbert and I am here today as a person of Faith, a follower of Jesus. I have an enduring commitment to the well-being of all children and families on this amazing green earth we are called to steward. Holding a doctorate in psychology, I have long understood that if you want to discourage a behavior, you make it more expensive to engage in. A national solution to breaking our addiction to fossil fuels seems rather straightforward, put a fee on carbon and give all the dividends back to households. However now that a national solution has been delayed, we must act at the regional and state level. We have little time left to slow down what's headed our way in climate disruption. When I first saw the 31 pages of this bill, I thought it would be impossible to pass something so nuanced and detailed, but after several careful readings I strongly support SB557.

It takes a lot of words to formulate a fair, transparent and accountable process. The disadvantaged, rural communities experiencing high unemployment and workers in emissions intensive industry are carefully attended to in the bill, going so far as to identify as disadvantaged those living with high exposure to pollution or toxics relative to other communities. Great care is taken in the formation of the group adopting rules for the law (Section 7) and in the formation of Greenhouse Gas Cap and Investment Program Oversight Committee to represent all Oregonians. These groups are diverse and representative of the many different stakeholders in climate policy, especially those most often overlooked. And the Oversight Committee is rightfully tasked to track the geographic distribution of impacts as well and the impact on those disadvantaged. This law would benefit all Oregonians.

While offsets have been inappropriately used in other instances, the bottom line is found in Section 9(5) "Greenhouse gas emissions reductions achieved...must be real, permanent, quantifiable, verifiable and enforceable."

I urge you to move with all due haste to pass this bill as written. It is fair, transparent and accountable thanks to the years spent in development, including research by PSU, hearings held by DEQ, the experience of neighboring states and the concern of all Oregonians for preserving our amazing home.

Sincerely,
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