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Chair Dembrow, Chair Helm. Committee Members,

My name is Laurie Dougherty. I live at 462 20th St. SE here in Salem. I am a Coordinator of 350 Salem OR, the local affiliate of global climate action network [350.org](http://350.org). We know that climate change is a global phenomenon. We know that the effects of climate change will be felt locally. Ocean acidification from an increase in dissolved CO2 harms shellfish and other marine species and the industries that depend on them. As sea levels rise storm surges and cyclically occurring higher tides move water farther inland flooding coastal cities on a regular basis and salt water infiltrates water tables making them unfit for drinking or agriculture.

Warmer air evaporates and holds more moisture leading to more and more prolonged drought and wildfires on one hand and more extreme precipitation events, flooding and landslides on the other hand. There are other consequences as well.

We know these effects are happening now and will happen more frequently in the future. We know that we the people will pay the cost - through personal and business and community losses; through rising insurance costs; through disaster relief and infrastructure replacement. These costs will fall most heavily on those with the fewest resources for recovery and the least power to make things whole.

We here in Oregon have a responsibility to do our part to reduce climate changing emissions and move to a clean energy economy. We have an opportunity to become a strong link in a chain of states and provinces. In the face of federal dysfunction on this issue, it is critical for states to take action. We have an opportunity to invest in communities and in jobs that will move Oregon's economy forward. We have an opportunity to reduce not only emissions but also inequities in health outcomes and damage impacts.

I urge you to meet this responsibility and take up these opportunities by passing strong and equitable legislation to address climate change.

Thank you.