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Senator Michael Dembrow, Chair
Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Representative Ken Helm
House Committee on Energy and Environment

RE: SB 1507 & HB 4001

Dear Chair Dembrow, Chair Helm, and Members of the Committees,

The Corvallis City Council and I urge your support for SB 1507 and HB 4001. Climate change is one of the most far-reaching environmental, economic, and social problems of the 21st century. Yet within this problem is an opportunity to create a 21st century economy for Oregon.

SB 1507 and HB 4001 reduce carbon pollution and mitigate the impact of climate change by creating a statewide market-based solution. Capping and establishing a price for carbon pollution captures the true cost of this pollution, protects clean air, and creates more clean energy jobs. These bills also ensure the benefits of a carbon market accrue justly and equitably to impacted communities, particularly if proceeds generated from transportation sources are invested in travel options that reduce transportation-related climate pollution and expand access to opportunity.

We respectfully urge your support for SB 1507 and HB 4001. Now is the time for Oregon to enact a comprehensive and economy-wide policy for reducing carbon pollution and investing in a low-carbon economy that will benefit all Oregonians. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Biff Traber
Mayor