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Chair Dembrow;
Members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

I write as co-facilitator of Southern Oregon Climate Action Now, an organization of over 1200 Southern Oregonians concerned about climate change, to urge you to support SB1508

As we know, one of the problems Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality faces is that it is chronically underfunded and understaffed. The solution to our state air and water quality problems is definitely not to reduce funding and staff. If we care about human and environmental health we should fund and staff the agency responsible for monitoring and enforcing regulations.

It is critical, therefore, that the legislature support SB1508 and oppose SB1541 which simply weakens our health standards and enforcement capability. I therefore urge the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources to recommend SB 41508 'Do Pass' and reject SB 1541.

Respectfully,



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