

Senator Dembrow and Representative Helm,

Thank you for your commitment to passing comprehensive climate legislation for Oregon and for all your hard work over the last year, culminating in the recent work group sessions. You have modeled an open, transparent, and engaging process and crafted legislation that can achieve the dual aims of reducing GHG emissions while growing our economy.

In encouraging advancement of such legislation we have relied on individual volunteer members of 350PDX's state legislation team, with their individual stories and perspectives, unified by their support for the concepts of capping and pricing emissions, with a strong commitment to equity and justice. One might say that we have relied on the wisdom of the crowd known as the state legislation team of 350PDX.

We also deeply respect the wisdom of our partner organizations, notably those in the Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC), and we commend to you the DeCARBON principles and priorities developed by the CCC.

We know that as you undertake your final deliberations, you are incorporating and integrating a complex array of input, and we encourage you to give special consideration to these principles and priorities: transparent, equitable and accountable decision-making; basing the emissions cap on best available science; limiting free allowances; reinvestment for most-impacted communities; limiting and ensuring strong oversight of offsets; and avoiding a cap on the price of allowances.

Thank you,

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