



THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI  
Governor

July 17, 2007

Ms. Lynn Hampton, Chairwoman  
Environmental Quality Commission  
811 SW Sixth Avenue  
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Chairwoman Hampton:

As you know, halting and reversing the damaging effects of climate change is of vital importance to Oregon and our nation's future. I have developed an aggressive agenda to combat global warming over the past five years and we have made significant strides. I applaud you and the Environmental Quality Commission for your leadership in 2006 in adopting clean tailpipe standards, one of the most important steps we have taken to date.

This past session, I signed into law a climate change bill that created a permanent global warming commission and also put into statute state greenhouse gas reduction goals that I had previously announced in 2005. The reduction goals are to arrest increasing emissions by 2010; reduce emissions to 10 percent below 1990 levels by 2020; and reduce emissions to 75 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

This year, I also helped form the Western Climate Initiative, a landmark partnership with six western states and two Canadian Provinces. The initiative commits members to develop a regional target for reducing greenhouse gases, to participate in The Climate Registry—a voluntary entity-wide greenhouse gas emissions reporting and verification system—and to develop a market-based program to achieve the reductions.

Key to both the new Oregon legislation and the Western Climate Initiative is the development of greenhouse gas reporting requirements for Oregon emitters and utilities that generate emissions in other states to serve Oregon electricity. Several of the other states in the initiative already have begun the process of developing their own greenhouse gas reporting requirements.

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I therefore request that the Environmental Quality Commission consider adopting a greenhouse gas reporting rule as soon as possible. I am also requesting that the Department of Energy and the Public Utilities Commission assist you and the Department of Environmental Quality as needed in this effort.

Sincerely,

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THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI  
Governor

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