

To: House Committee on Energy and Environment
Rep. Pam Marsh, Chair
Rep. Ken Helm and Rep. David Brock Smith, Vice Chairs
Members of the Committee

Re: HB 2488 – Equity and Climate in Land Use – Support with Amendments

Now is the time to emphatically address climate change and the injustices suffered by disadvantaged communities. HB 2488, with its proposed amendments, provides a blueprint and proposes funding for this critical task. Adding a Goal 20 on Climate would require consideration of climate change when implementing the other 19 Goals, something that should be at the forefront of all of our minds.

Many diverse advocacy groups have worked to bring you this bill and its proposed amendments. The joining of these forces is an indication of the power and broad reach of what is needed to move this sort of thinking forward towards solutions that work for everyone.

Thank you for considering the many voices raised to carry this forward. Please support HB 2488 and its proposed amendment.

Sincerely,
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