

SAMPLE EMAIL TO EQC
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Chair George, Vice Chair Baraso, members of the Commission,

My name is --- [Share your name/affiliation].

I am deeply disappointed by the December 2023 Court of Appeals ruling, which invalidated Oregon's cornerstone Climate Protection Program (CPP) on procedural grounds related to the rule-making process.

By siding with the oil and gas industry, this ruling protects polluters at the expense of people and communities across Oregon.

As you know, the CPP was developed through a robust 18-month rule-making process, and was informed by extensive input from environmental justice, labor, business, and community leaders, as well as regulated industries.

By delaying implementation of the CPP, the court's decision represents a significant setback for Oregon's climate, local economies, and communities— especially Black, Indigenous, people of color, low-income, rural, and other communities who stand to benefit the most from emissions reductions and investments under the CPP.

Oregonians have long demanded that fossil fuel companies take responsibility for the devastating harm they cause.

Since the CPP was adopted, we have faced wildfires that have wiped out entire communities, toxic smoke choking our lungs, deadly heat waves, and record-breaking droughts.

More than 7,600 Oregonians submitted comments to DEQ, and the overwhelming majority were in favor of strong protections for climate and communities; we continue to demand the State hold the oil and gas industry accountable for the impact it is having on our lives, our families and our communities.

Without swift State action to restore these protections, the court's decision will cause incalculable harm to Oregon families, workers, and local economies, now and in the future.

I strongly urge DEQ leadership and the EQC to work to restore the CPP's vital climate and community protections without delay.

As DEQ moves forward with a process to swiftly readopt the CPP rules, it is imperative that the reinstated program maintain the science-based emissions cap trajectory established in the previously adopted rules, and an effective, independent CCI program that is responsive to community needs.

Thank you for your consideration,
[Your name and email address]