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Subject: SB 1530 TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF STRONG CLIMATE ACTION
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My name is Kim Cavatorta. I am a native Oregonian and a retired arts administrator and educator living in South Tillamook County. I am a registered voter and take my voting privilege and responsibility seriously.

Climate change is, in my opinion, the most urgent and critical issue before us as Oregonians, Americans, and citizens of the world. I am grateful that our Oregon legislature is continuing to look for ways the State of Oregon can participate in finding solutions.

I support passage of SB1530, but it needs to be strong enough to meet the Oregon State goals for pollution reduction and strong enough not to allow fossil fuel corporations to continue to pollute. Also, it needs to allow for clean economy investments and investments in communities most affected by climate change (rural, low-income, Tribes, communities of color).

I wake up in the early morning hours these days with climate chaos anxiety. I see the evidence here in the west, across our nation, and around the world. How can there be any issue that is more important? We are talking about the health and survival of every human being and every living thing! If climate change continues as predicted by expert scientists and goes on unchecked, we won't have a world to live in and the many concerns of how legislation will affect different interests and populations will become moot. The pressures on those interests and populations will pale by comparison to the disastrous burdens placed on all of us when climate change significantly impairs food production and accessibility, as well as the availability of other vital resources (like water, power, etc.).

The time to act is now. My husband and I, our children, and our grandchildren want a livable future, and we are depending on you to do the right thing right now to move in that direction.

Sincerely,

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