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Senators Michael Dembrow and Alan Olsen, and members of the Committee:

My name is Mitch Gould. I hail from an Arkansas farming family, but I've lived in Oregon 23 years. I spent 14 years in Portland, but my awareness of forthcoming severe and sustained heatwaves caused me to abandon my beloved home and seek the cool buffer of the Pacific shores. So now I live in Lincoln City.

First, I know that politics is always hard, but when the stakes are this high, agreement is much harder. Concerned Oregonians therefore appreciate your sustained effort to address our climate crisis. It is often said that rural Oregonians are opposed to cap and trade on carbon emissions. I am here to tell you that I live in a rural community and I am plenty in favor of it, and my friends are, too.

Greta Thunberg said she doesn't want us to hope; she wants us to act. "I want you to act as you would in a crisis," she told the elite recently gathered at Davos. "I want you to act as if our house is on fire. Because it is." Here on the coast, our economy's Dungeness crabs are already threatened by seawater acidity due to dissolved CO<sub>2</sub>. Here on the coast, we had only partial relief from the smoke, during two summers that smothered our state with massive wildfires.

As written, this legislative concept would pay polluters to continue business as usual. We cannot allow that scheme to move forward. Please improve SB1530!

I hope both Senators and the entire legislature will support the passage of bold climate action in 2020. Let me assure you, time's up!

Thank you for the chance to address this grave matter.