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Subject: SB 1530 TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF STRONG CLIMATE ACTION
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Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chair Olsen, and Members of the Senate Interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, please consider this testimony in favor of strong climate action in 2020.

My name is Teke Dillender. I'm a single mother with two teenage sons living in Portland. I have worked in the non-profit sector for the last twenty years, working on social and environmental issues. Like most of you serving in the the Capitol, I have a deep belief in our responsibility to support the "common good."

I appreciate your continued work on the critical issue of climate change.

I'm writing today to urge you to continue pressing forth with bold climate action. SB 1530 has a solid framework, but it needs to be strengthened so that the state can meet its goals to reduce greenhouse gas pollution. There are too many give-aways that would allow the fossil fuel industry to continue polluting as usual, worsening the climate crisis and compromising the health of people throughout the state. Please strengthen this bill to hold polluters accountable and guarantee that investments will be made in the communities that are hardest hit by climate change.

I grew up in a small town in Tennessee, and moved to Oregon because I appreciated - and wanted to be part of - the deep commitment that Oregonians have for protecting our beautiful landscapes and natural resources. Climate change is the greatest threat we face to a healthy future where our state and our children can thrive. If the legislature does not act boldly this year, we will continue to sacrifice the health of future generations and this place that we love so very much.

There is overwhelming evidence that the climate crisis is getting worse: 2019 was the second hottest year in human history. Oregon's oceans are becoming more acidic. Wildfires are growing more frequent and massive.

I implore you to change SB 1530, to make it stronger. Ultimately, this proposal is too weak to meet the demands of the climate crisis. SB 1530 needs to be stronger to reduce pollution from fossil fuel natural gas and increase investments for the clean economy. It needs to be stronger to reduce greenhouse gases from oil companies all across the state. And investments into communities most affected by climate change -- rural, low-income, Tribes and communities of color -- need to be guaranteed.

I hope you will support changes to this bill and support the passage of bold climate action in 2020. We can't wait any longer.

Sincerely,

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