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From: Tom Brewer, Oregon Association of Nurseries

RE: SB1530

Senator Dembrow, Representative Powers and Members of the Committee

My name is Tom Brewer, I am on the board of the Oregon Association of Nurseries, and I serve on our government relations committee.

For the past FORTY years I have worked in, and my family has benefited from, the Oregon-grown nursery and greenhouse products industry.

**I am very concerned about SB 1530 and the direction carbon legislation may have on our industry**

As a Side note; THANK YOU for your consideration of our industry in SB 1530 with regards to the nursery stock procurement program which would have ODOT use Oregon grown landscape materials on major Highway projects.

***I fear however*** that that consideration is simply not enough to protect an industry already working with cost pressures from many directions and simply very slim margins.

My company makes and sells nursery and greenhouse containers, and we are part of one big supply chain of the nursery industry, as is Decorative Bark and many other associate industry suppliers.

Nursery and Greenhouse producers are absorbing the cumulative effect of several years of legislation: Minimum Wage, Paid Sick Leave, Family Leave, Retirement accounts, Diesel emission requirements, pesticide restrictions and on and on....

Steep cost increases in NATURAL GAS and TRANSPORTATION FUELS will have an adverse effect on our industry.

OREGON NURSERIES bring almost 23,000 jobs and close to 1 billion (996 million) in annual sales to the table. We are concerned about how this legislation will affect our industry and Oregon.

No reasonable person can deny that carbon levels globally and regionally do need to come down.... I am simply asking for a reasoned approach to addressing the future of carbon reduction and how this will affect bread and butter industries such as ours...?

I know firsthand how well Oregon grown trees, shrubs, and flowers are received. Oregon is considered one of the very best Nationally in this market!!

Thank you for your time....

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