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Dear Oregon Legislators,

Thank you for your work thus far on SB 1530. Climate Change is upon us. I think about this on a daily basis and it affects my daily decisions. I do what I can in my own life, by walking and biking places that I can, driving as little as possible in a very fuel-efficient vehicle, choosing locally grown foods and buying locally as much as possible. We have cut our beef consumption drastically for the sake of the climate. We do many things to conserve energy in our home and in our lives. It costs us time and money to do these things and not everyone has the time and money to do what is necessary.

We simply cannot go forward with the "hope" that individuals and companies will do the right thing and make personal sacrifices. Even if every individual made these sacrifices and more, it would not be enough to undo the damage already caused and take us off the catastrophic path we are on. We **MUST** have systemic change. **We must make it more expensive to keep putting carbon into the atmosphere.** Only then will people and industries find the willpower to do what is necessary. And we don't have any time to waste.

You can argue that this is unfair to some Oregon businesses all you want. It's not. It's fair for all of us to pay the TRUE cost of our personal and industrial habits. We can't control what other states or countries do, but we can do the right thing ourselves, and in doing so, lead by example.

Don't let the fossil fuel industry win. It is the most corrupt and destructive industry on Earth. Profit is its sole purpose. For the sake of profit, huge profit, powerful profit, all-consuming profit, the fossil fuel industry has spent billions on climate change disinformation, focusing the blame away from itself, and campaign contributions to, largely, Republicans. So far, they're winning. And we're all losing.

It's time for Oregon to, once again, be a leader in doing what's right for our environment, for our future. Make SB 1530 as strong as it can be. And make sure every senator does his or her job and stays in Salem to vote on it.

I want my state to be carbon-neutral or better by 2035. This won't happen without strong legislation right now.

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