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My name is Marsha Rakestraw, a working Oregon resident who has lived in unincorporated Washington County for nearly 20 years.

Thank you to Oregon legislators for your continued work on the critical issue of climate change.

I'm writing in support of strong climate legislation. While I'm glad that SB 1530 is being considered, it isn't nearly strong enough to meet the state's goals for reducing harmful greenhouse gases and transitioning to a just and sustainable future -- both of which are vital for the literal continuation of a livable planet.

SB 1530 needs improvements to the transportation portion of the bill so that all companies pay their fair share, regardless of where in Oregon they are located.

SB 1530 must hold large polluters accountable. The bill must remove exemptions for commercial and industrial users of natural gas and other greenhouse gases.

SB 1530 must guarantee meaningful investments in communities hit hardest by the climate crisis, including communities that are rural, low-income, or indigenous, and communities of color.

SB 1530 must make specific and meaningful provisions for sequestration, such as protecting our forests.

It's imperative that Oregon legislators look beyond the demands to focus on short-term profits and problems and stand up as climate leaders who create the bold climate legislation we need.

Please support the passage of bold climate action in 2020.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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