Dear Chair Dembrow, Vice Chair Olsen and Members of the Senate Interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

My name is Louisa Shelby. I'm a nurse/ IBCLC/mother and future grandmother, and I live in Benton County, OR. Thank you for your continued work on the critical issue of the climate emergency.

I understand there has been a lot of controversy in our state due to the SB 1530. I appreciate your efforts working with all parts of our state but I feel a compromise on environmental regulations isn't in the best interest of our state or the future of our children.

We need improvements to the transportation portion of the bill so all oil companies pay their fair share no matter where they're located. Oil companies are the largest source of pollution in our state and we cannot let them off the hook.

As written, this bill would pay fossil fuel polluters to continue business as usual. We can't afford business as usual. We cannot allow legislation to move forward that is climate action in name only, while it fails to hold large polluters accountable.

This bill needs a guarantee in investments in communities hardest hit by the climate crisis -- rural, low-income, Tribes, and communities of color. While there are aspirations to prioritize those communities in the current version, Oregonians deserve a guarantee.

We need to have a strong environmental policy that protects our earth, human health and looks forward to ways to more sustainable practices. Please dont allow corporations to control what happens to the environment. Government needs to step up and support the citizens not listen to those who really only care about money. The job market and humans will adjust. Many of us are willing to make sacrifices as far as higher taxes, changing our lifestyle to ensure our future is better. I am 52 years old and have seen many changes in our policies that eventually we all adjust to. Please protect and be stewards of the earth as we are meant to do.

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!

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