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I operate a small nursery in Jefferson, OR and I am a member of the Oregon Association of Nurseries, who has worked for the last three legislative sessions to emphasize that it's too expensive. At the current rate of regulation, only a few giant farms and nurseries will survive. The way you have legislators have acted the last 40 years, it looks like your goal is the subjugation of the private sector within the next 40 years. I do, however, applaud the inclusion of a requirement to use Oregon-grown nursery stock in transportation projects. But I still have concerns about the growing cost and regulatory impacts on nurseries like mine that must transport their plants or heat their greenhouses. Also, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is the agency tasked with implementing cap-and-trade in the latest bill. I am uncomfortable with handing unelected bureaucrats the authority to levy fees and taxes on consumers without legislative oversight. I also oppose SB1530 as an implementation of Socialism, which promotes redistribution of wealth at the expense of creation of wealth. Therefore I am opposing SB1530 in its current form.

Sincerely and gratefully,

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