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Subject: SB 1530 (formerly LC 19) - Testimony in favor of strong climate action
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Dear Senate Committee Environment and Natural Resources,

I am writing to submit testimony on SB 1530 to support strong and effective action on climate change. Oregon should be a leader on this issue - and may fall behind if we don't act.

There is no time to waste to address the devastating effects of climate change on Oregon, our ecosystems, and on the planet on which we depend. Flooding, catastrophic fires, extended droughts and sea level rise are already upon us.

The current bill is a good framework, but must be strengthened. Senate Bill 1530 (formerly Legislative Concept 19) needs to be modified to meet the state's goals for reducing harmful pollution. The fossil fuel industry must not be allowed to continue with business as usual and must do its part to mitigate climate change.

SB 1530 must further reduce pollution from fossil fuel natural gas and increase investments for the clean economy. It needs to further reduce greenhouse gases from oil companies all across the state. And investments into communities most affected by climate change -- rural, low-income, Tribes and communities of color -- need to be guaranteed.

Oregon's young people need strong climate action. They need leaders to pass strong climate legislation that will protect the air they breathe, the water they drink, and the soil that grows the food they eat. That's why Oregon's youth have been taking to the streets in record numbers in all parts of the state. They are calling for leaders to pass strong policies that will give them a future free from devastating climate disasters and collapsed economies.

Only strong action will save the planet for our children and grandchildren. This is on us.

Please build upon the work you have started with SB 1530 by making the bill stronger and pass bold climate legislation in 2020.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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