Dear Senators,

I am outraged that our elected officials are using the 2020 Short Session to re-introduce this major legislation. The short session, by it's definition, has been used to submit small changes and amendments, not shove new taxes -- "revenue generating" legislation onto Oregonians.

SB 1530 creates yet another government agency to control the day to day activities of individuals while exempting institutions and large corporations. Shame on all of you.

The use of the emergency clause is corrupt and an abuse of power -- the opposite of what Governor Brown stated when she promised transparency to all Oregonians. Oregonians deserve transparency and the truth about how this bill will impact our lives and future generations.

generations. Oregonians are experiencing a homelessness crisis: Where is the legislation with the emergency clause to address this travesty?

Our education system is ranked one of the lowest in our nation, and school districts across this state struggle to find qualified school bus drivers to transport the influx of students into our overcrowded and understaffed schools. Where is legislation, with the emergency clause, to address this issue? Foster Care crisis?

Our elected officials should be focused on lifting our citizens up out of poverty, not pushing us into the gutter following excessive taxing of roads, consumer goods, fuel, and further regulations that will do little to impact climate change with no accountable or reporting of its intended results. The recent events in California, scheduled electricity black outs, should be enough proof that total reliance on electricity is not our future. It will be a matter of time that the demand for electricity will exceed our supply. What then? https://www.engadget.com/2019/10/09/california-power-outage-wildfires-pacific-gas-electric/

How will the success of SB 1530 communicated to the taxpayers it impacts? How will the efforts outlined in this bill be administered, overseen for fraud, waste and abuses, and the measurement of ongoing carbon reduction?

Democrats, Republicans, and Independents comprise our population and our State legislature. Our leaders should set an example of how to lead for all political parties, not make a power grab to shove their personal projects on Oregonians as a social experiment.

I oppose SB 1530 at this time and implore you to oppose it. It should NOT include an Emergency clause to prevent Oregonians from voting on this massive package of taxes. Oregonians deserve better.

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