

Dear Senators;

I was hoping to testify in favor of SB 1530 during the public hearings, but I was unable to due to time constraints. Therefore, I opt to submit a written testimony.

I was born and raised in Silverton. I currently live in Portland. I work as a physician and am the mother of two young children. I have watched Oregon's climate change over my lifetime. Winters are dryer, summers hotter and longer. And for the first time ever, my daffodils are blooming in January.

I, like many of my peers, believe that climate is the single most important political issue of our time. I am deeply concerned about my children's future. Their climate fate will be sealed before they will ever be in a position to hold decision - making power. When I read them stories about marine and forest wildlife, I often get choked up knowing that many of the species we have come to love through books will be extinct in their lifetimes. It angers me that our national leaders encourage our children to study science while at the same time choosing to ignore and debunk the most compelling scientific assertions of our day. Right now in Oregon, we have the opportunity to take bold steps to address our climate crisis. We have the opportunity to be a national leader in promoting a green economy and a livable future. While I recognize that SB 1530 may cause short term economic inconvenience for some Oregon residents, this is a small price to pay for the devastating effects of inaction.

I urge Oregon lawmakers to stand up to special interests, to stand up for science, and to pass SB 1530. I hope Oregon takes this opportunity to show our country what can be possible when we work in the interests of our citizens and not in the interests of the fossil fuel industry. I am sure that each of you hopes that you will look back on this moment and be able to tell your grandchildren that you took bold action for their futures while there was still time to act.

I thank you all for your continued hard work on climate change and look forward to the passage of SB 1530.

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