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Re: Avenue Supports SB 1530  
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Avenue supports Senate Bill 1530, also known as Cap and Invest. We have grown greatly concerned about the increasing costs to business and consumers as a result of climate change over the last several years in numerous ways, specifically around health insurance costs, increased absenteeism and attracting and retaining top employees.

We worry about the impacts of regular summer forest fires, such as the Eagle Creek Fire on our employees' health, increasing company health insurance costs (beyond our already unsustainable annual increases), and increased absenteeism. Finding great employees is probably our single greatest competitive advantage, and none of our employees choose to live in Oregon because of February weather; we are concerned about our ability to continue to attract and retain top employees if climate effects continue to be unstable and worsen, diminishing our once world-class summers.

We are also deeply concerned with the threats that carbon emissions and climate change in our state pose to the Oregon economy in general, our natural lands and future generations of employees. This bill would create a Cap-and-Invest program providing Oregon with a cost-effective path to reduce the emissions driving climate change, and enabling linkage to regional markets that will strengthen and expand our clean energy economy and drive investments to the state's working and natural lands. These investments in our state will help set us on a path to create a stable economy for the generations of Oregon's workforce to come.

Thank you for your consideration, and please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

Best,  
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