Dear Committee members,

I testified during the Tuesday February 4th hearing, expressing many of the same concerns I did when testifying in opposition to HB-2020 in 2019. . Once again a "rough draft" has been rushed to the Agenda. The 30 pages of amendments released the day before the hearing were troubling indicator of the uncertainty SB-1530 brings.

The concept and promises for "Cap and Trade" have not come true in California and elsewhere. SB-1530 has few differences from the flawed California model, and will create excessive hardships for almost all Oregonians.

Regardless of the support by entities who've bartered exceptions, and/or those anticipating a financial benefit it's clear that SB-1530 is poorly crafted, lacks finacial and revenue statements, and is being needlessly rushed as an "emergency" through the session.

In spite of the tremendous pressure from the Governor and those who consider SB-1530 as "unfinished business", I urge the committee members to withhold their support. Too much money is already being taken from businesses that are forced to pass the costs on to your constituates. Where is the equity and fairness in that?

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