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Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chair Olsen and Members of the Senate Interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, please consider this testimony in favor of strong climate action in 2020.

Please act now to strengthen Senate Bill 1530 and make it the strongest climate protection legislation you can muster. We are already way behind where we can be most effective in mitigating the damage done to our air, water, soil, health of all living creatures by the fossil fuel and resources mining and polluting industries in Oregon.

The courts cannot do what needs done. Just yesterday the judges declared our children's appeal for climate change remedies as a constitutional guarantee can not be met through the courts. The courts do not make the laws, that must come from the legislative or executive branches of our government. I admit the Trump administration is doing a fabulous job rolling back social justice, environmental, food and drug, industrial safety and fossil fuel polluting regulations, endangered species, housing and safety nets for children, the aged and disabled protections to name a few. What do you want to be remembered for doing/protecting?

As a rural Oregonian, I want to be living in a "green" state in more than name only. We had a chance to be leaders in protecting our small land mass on our one precious earth, HB 2020. That outcome was more than disappointing. Now all the children need some rays of hope that they and their futures will be the focus of your tasks. Note clean air, water and food for starters. Not easy to be the only legislating body in our state. We need you to do the work necessary to find solutions that hold all of us as recipients. It will not be ideal, yet do not allow a weakened SB 1530 to give the polluters a free card. This is not a rehearsal. Make your one shot the culmination of the 10 years of work that has already been spent making a Clean Energy Bill we can be proud of and get our state going in the right direction. President Trump is not going to do this work. We only have you. We have done the rallies, made the signs, paraded, marched in Salem, still lobbying our legislators, written letters, etc. and now we implore you to do your best efforts.

Please, a **STRONG CLEAN ENERGY BILL** this session.

Thank-you,
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