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I support Senate Bill 1530 as a necessary and urgent step to addressing climate change in Oregon.

As a physician, I have already begun to see the impacts of climate change on the health of children in Oregon. Respiratory diseases like asthma are on the rise as the air quality degrades as a direct consequence of climate change and burning of fossil fuels. Overwhelming scientific evidence charts the inexorable impacts of climate change. Knowledge of these facts has resulted in increasing numbers of young people are suffering clinical anxiety over whether our planet will be habitable for their life time. Current negative environmental impacts on health are greatest in poor urban communities. Addressing climate change is an urgent matter for us all.

Due to weaker environmental laws in our state compared to those in our neighboring states of Washington and California, we are falling behind in environmental protection and have become the repository for vehicles and industry that degrade our environment and puts us at risk. Trucks with polluting emissions that cannot operate in those states are being dumped in Oregon. We have become the conduit for dangerous fossil fuel transportation from Canada bound for destinations overseas, carrying products that in no way serve our state, while creating catastrophic risks that cannot be justified by the small number of jobs created.

It is time to start passing effective regulations to protect our environment and our people. If the legislatures of Washington and California can successfully protect the environment and work towards addressing climate change so can we.

It is important that we help communities that are impacted as we go, without gutting the environmental regulations needed to address climate change. Explicit investment strategies and allocations must be identified to facilitate the transition to a greener economy. We can only accomplish our goals by working together.

Again I urge you to support Senate Bill 1539, I also urge you to craft future bills that go even further in protecting our environment and creating economic incentives for us all to change our carbon footprint.

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