

Dear Senate Committee Environment and Natural Resources,

Please consider this testimony in favor of strong climate action in 2020.

Last year I submitted testimony in favor of the Climate and Jobs Bill because I feel strongly that we can no longer wait to address the current climate crisis. Oregon's oceans are becoming more acidic and wildfires are growing more frequent and massive. The longer we wait the more difficult the task will be.

The current bill is a good framework but it isn't strong enough. Senate Bill 1530 (formerly Legislative Concept 19) is currently too weak to meet the state's goals for reducing harmful pollution and provides too many giveaways to the fossil fuel industry, allowing these corporations to continue polluting as usual, harming our health and the climate. Ultimately, this proposal is too weak to meet the demands of the climate crisis.

Please support a stronger bill to reduce pollution from fossil fuel natural gas and increase investments for the clean economy. Investments into communities most affected by climate change -- rural, low-income, Tribes and communities of color -- need to be guaranteed.

I am a senior citizen who feels that we all must stand up so that my grandchildren and all of Oregon's young people see that we are taking responsibility for the ills of our planet that we helped to create in our lifetimes. We all need leaders to pass strong climate legislation that will protect the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the soil that grows the food we eat. We need our legislators to enact strong policies that will provide a future free from devastating climate disasters and collapsed economies.

Please build upon the work you have started with SB 1530 by making the bill stronger and pass bold climate legislation in 2020.

Thank you for your work on this most important issue.

Sincerely,
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