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Subject: SB 1530 (formerly LC 19) - Testimony in favor of strong climate action
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Dear Senate Committee Environment and Natural Resources,

Turn on the television, and what do you see? Catastrophic fires now in Australia, following on the heels of massive fires in California, and earlier in Brazil, Canada, and Russia. Thankfully, Oregon has been spared from the worst of the fires, but places like Ashland have suffered significant economic losses from smoke.

Rising seas will threaten our coastal communities. Oregon's oceans are becoming more acidic and the fishing industry is facing growing challenges. Some areas of Oregon have faced significant drought in past years, threatening agricultural products and recreational economies.

Growing numbers of species face dwindling numbers, including orcas and some types of salmon.

Young people are worried, their parents are worried, their grandparents are worried. For good reason.

SB 1530 must reduce pollution from fossil fuels and increase investments for the clean economy. It needs to be stronger to reduce greenhouse gases from oil companies all across the state, not move forward in a piecemeal manner.

Investments into communities most affected by climate change -- rural, low-income, Tribes and communities of color -- need to be guaranteed. Oregon's most vulnerable populations need strong climate action. People in poverty have the most to lose under climate change natural disasters and have fewer resources to bounce back.

Rural Oregon needs strong climate action. They are on the front lines of climate change. From ranchers in Union County to tree farmers from Clackamas County to farm workers in the Willamette Valley, there are strong voices from rural Oregon calling for action and their voices must be heard.

Please do all you can to move forward significant climate action in 2020. There is not a moment to waste.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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