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Dear Senate Committee Environment and Natural Resources,

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

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.

There is no longer the luxury of time. We know temperatures are higher and we see clear evidence of that all around, such as more frequent and worse forest fires. Waters are growing more acidic.

This is not a rural versus urban debate. All of Oregon's residents need to reverse the effects of climate change. Big corporate and timber interests should no longer dictate Oregon Environmental policy. Your committee needs to prove to the citizens of this state that timber and other campaign contributors cannot buy their way to what they want, and the way to do that is to pass an even stronger version of SB 1530 than is currently being discussed. The time for real action and serious legislation has to be now, we need a reduction of fossil fuel use and increased investment in the clean economy.

Oregon's youth and marginalized communities especially deserve bold action -- after all, they did not create this problem but they will pay and unfair share of the costs. They deserve clean air and water.

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.

Sincerely,
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