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To the Senate Interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

I am writing to thank you for your diligent working in crafting an update to HB 2020 that addresses concerns raised in the last Legislative Session. It was frustrating to me to see the session end with no resolution, but at least we now have an opportunity to bring a new bill forward to address perhaps the most consequential issue of the 21st century: climate changes caused by greenhouse gas emissions.

I believe Oregon must act now to curb these emissions, and some version of SB 1530 with strong cap and trade provisions must be passed to get us on track to take timely action. I believe the concerns of rural residents and certain industries are valid, but there has been a good faith effort to address them. In particular I like the measures to address forest fire damage, which is the most visible and palpable effect of a drier and warmer climate.

Please emphasize that we need not fear change: our economy can grow and thrive even as we cut down emissions, by stimulating new technologies and investment. So much of the opposition to this bill is driven by fear of change. Many Oregonians are hurting economically, especially in rural areas. But with wise investment, we can provide good livelihood and show that this is not a zero sum game.

We can't afford another walkout by Republicans. Some are already saying they have been cut out of the process. Please bring them to the table and even if no Republican votes for the bill, at least make sure that they are fairly treated and are willing to allow a vote.

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