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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,

Bill McKibbin's most recent book notes the following:

More than half the carbon released into the atmosphere has been emitted in the past 30 years.

We now burn 80 percent more coal than we did in 2000.

Phytoplankton comprises half the organic matter on earth. It provides two-thirds of earth's oxygen. The amount of phytoplankton in the sea is down 40 percent since 1950.

The last time the oceans were this warm, sea level was 200 feet above what it is today. As a consequence of the expanding volume of this warm water, sea levels are rising more rapidly every day.

It is far too late for half measures.

Please strengthen SB 1530 and pass bold climate legislation in 2020. If we can't do it now, with super majorities in both houses and a Democrat in the governor's chair, when can we? Don't let the few Republicans have their way with you.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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