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To: SENR Exhibits

Subject: SB 1530: STRONG CLIMATE ACTION TESTIMONY

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Dear Chair Dembrow, Vice Chair Olsen and Members of the Senate Interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

My name is Becky Mundt. I'm a business owner, grandmother and nature lover who lives in Lane Country between Eugene and Veneta, Oregon. Thank you for your continued work on the critical issue of the climate emergency.

As we saw today in the news when scientists pushed the doomsday clock forward yet again, we are not yet doing enough to combat the many challenges we face to protect our beloved home on this miraculous earth.

Our children and grandchildren deserve to inherit a livable earth, with clean air and water and abundant natural resources. We must take action if we are to ensure these rights are passed down to all future generations of Oregonians.

We need serious improvements to the transportation portion of this bill so all oil companies pay their fair share, regardless of where they are located.

We must hold those companies that are the largest source of pollution in our state accountable and make sustantive changes to how we do so.

Ascurrently written, this bill pays fossil fuel polluters to continue polluting, and this is not solution based legislation, it is hiding behind a name and doing nothing, which will not serve us or the future generations we must stand up for while there is still time.

Failure now will result in irreversible damage and loss of opportunity at a time when we can afford neither. Particularly when the opportunity to create meaningfrul and important change stands before us.

In order for this bill to be meaningful and provide real change it must guarantee investments in communities hardest hit by the climate crisis. That means rural, low-income, Tribes, and communities of color. Aspirations are not enough. We cannot simply aspire to prioritize those communities, we must guarantee the right action to protect these vulnerable communities. It is our duty as Oregonians to do the right thing by all of our citizens, not simply those with connections to power and politicians.

It is my deep hope that you and the members of this committee will take the bold and critical steps necessary in the face of this climate crisis in 2020.

We must protect our forests, fish and our precious water while we still can. There is not a moment to waste to protect these invaluable natural systems which support our Oregonian way of life.

Yours	sincerely
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