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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 Christina, longtime Oregonian, and I live in Hermiston Oregon Thank you for your continued work on the critical issue of the climate emergency.

As my roommate states we live in an environmental black hole in my hometown. The climate is the most important issue we are faced with.

I cringe when I think of the world I am leaving my daughters. I hope you cringing too, because that is the only way we can change our path. We should be experiencing panic 24/7 at this point in our non response to the damage we humans have done to the home we live on.

CHOOSE HOW YOU WANT LEGISLATORS TO IMPROVE THE BILL:

We need improvements to the transportation portion of the bill so all oil companies pay their fair share no matter where they're located. Oil companies are the largest source of pollution in our state and we cannot let them off the hook.

As written, this bill would pay fossil fuel polluters to continue business as usual. We can't afford business as usual. We cannot allow legislation to move forward that is climate action in name only, while it fails to hold large polluters accountable.

This bill needs a guarantee in investments in communities hardest hit by the climate crisis -- rural, low-income, Tribes, and communities of color. While there are aspirations to prioritize those communities in the current version, Oregonians deserve more.

Please listen to my plea as a constituent and do every little thing you can to strengthen our laws to benefit the earth we live on.

Yours sincerely,

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