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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 Bill Harris . I am a retired married physician with three grandchildren 13, 15 and 18 years old. Portland has been a great place for me to live for 50 years. My family is in all ways fortunate. We have a kind of broad security giving us a luxury to be very aware and to spend time thinking about public affairs.

I am grateful that you are willing to devote yourself to the climate crisis issue, our current issue exceeded by no other.

We are clearly on a course to a world that will not support life and human life at all well. All ages of us grieve the coming losses and our grandchildren have full right to be angry that we adults are letting green house gases continue to accumulate when we know that the difficulty in reversing the rise and proceeding with reduction increases every month we continue failing to start reduction in the gases.

I am pretty old, pretty rich and relatively protected from the problems of climate change in its predictable early stages. I like life in the many forms of which I am aware. Humans are unbelievably wonderful in complexity and in action. I so much want life to continue in the most reasonable form we can help arrange.

SB 1530 is simply not strong enough to arrange that our state do its part in limiting GHG.

We need a very strong bill which involves all activities burning fossil fuel .There must be firm ceiling limits across all activities and rapid reduction of the ceilings to equal half of our 1990 emissions in 10-15 years and to equal all of 1990 in 30 years. Money generated needs to be allocated very specifically to named impacted groups or areas and to promotion of alternative energy development. If we are to succeed the burden of this great effort must borne by all according to the amount of the burden.

If off-sets cannot be avoided please permit none to occur outside of Oregon where surveillance will be suspect and erode faith in the system.

Please greatly strengthen SB 1530 and be yourself a big part of leading Oregon to doing it's share (plus some additional amount) in slowing disastrous climate change. You will be able to be among the leaders in the education and inspiration needed. We, your constituents, can learn and can be inspired. We will need to speak truth to one another in order to succeed at this immense effort.

Yours sincerely,  
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