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Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
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I am writing in support of a stronger greenhouse gas cap and invest bill.

I have closely followed Oregon's GHG reduction efforts for the past four years, attending or watching on-line each and every hearing. Since we began this process, new scientific studies have indicated we are in a far more dangerous situation than we had thought when Oregon began developing GHG reduction bills. Senate Bill 1530 (LC-19) does not reflect that urgency.

We need a bill that will significantly lower GHG emissions. It's clear there will be a significant gap between the results produced by the enactment of SB1530 as it is currently written and the GHG goals it addresses.

1) I support a modified phase-in of transportation fuel regulation. Angus Duncan indicated that 10 to 20% of our transportation emissions come from rural areas, and that that percentage should be regulated. I agree. I'm suggesting that the rural emission percentage will be even higher since some people will go out of their way to refuel in unregulated areas of the state. For the third phase-in the entire state should be covered, no exceptions.

2) For EITEs move the point of regulation of natural gas usage back to the industry itself and add a declining cap. Natural gas must be better regulated. It has become clear that full life cycle emissions from utilizing natural gas are very close to the emissions produced when utilizing coal. This bill does not incentivize gas usage reduction by the large EITE industries.

3) I have been in dialogue with a solar panel installer and on January 22nd received an interesting note from him in reference to applications for the 2020 Oregon solar rebate program……"I just wanted to let you know …... I received an email last night that they allocated half of the first round budget yesterday. Amazing!"……. Many Oregonians are embracing the new way of living that is essential to protect life on this planet. With more program funding through the Climate Investment Fund there could be both an increase in jobs and a decrease in GHG pollution. We could have more piped irrigation in Eastern Oregon with in-line hydropower. We could have more large scale solar projects in Eastern Oregon. There is much that we could do. Let's help Oregon move in the right direction! Strengthen SB 1530.

My 4-year old grandson and I both thank you.

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