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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 Gillian Crutcher, I'm a retired scientist, clinical and regulatory professional. Thank you for your continued work on the critical issue of the climate emergency.

Oregon needs to reduce the risk of wildfires due to climate change, loss of snow pack and all the water issues that will arise due to higher temperatures and lower rainfall which means loss of species that will affect our life chain, and affect us as humans to include all wildlife.

We need clean energy, and are already seeing the breathing issues that affect all generations due to pollution. We cannot give our children and descendants a polluted planet that will be hard for them to survive in. Children are already worried about their future, and a food chain that will be harder and harder for them to maintain.

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 a guarantee.

CLOSE with a direct, urgent statement to lawmakers.

(I hope you will support changes to this bill and support the passage of bold climate action in 2020. This issue is too important for us to turn our backs while our forests burn, our fish die, and water runs out in parts of our state. We can't wait any longer.)

Yours sincerely,

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