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Subject: SB 1530 TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF STRONG CLIMATE ACTION
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My name is Emily Herbert, I am a retired mental health worker. I see Oregonians losing their mental stability over the climate and civic chaos we are facing. It is not the time to quibble. What will it cost us to live with raging forest fires, a dead ocean and land that can't grow because temperatures are too high for growing or for farm workers to be outside?

SB 1530 needs to be stronger to reduce pollution from fossil fuel so called "natural gas" which has clearly been shown NOT to be a bridge fuel as well as to increase investments for the clean economy. It needs to be stronger to reduce greenhouse gases from oil companies all across the state. And investments into communities most affected by climate change -- rural, low-income, Tribes and communities of color -- need to be guaranteed.

If you saw Therese Bottomly's letter to the editor on Jan 26 you learned of corruption at the Douglas County level clearly showing that the Forest Industries have taken over that County and are selling a bill of goods using money intended for schools and infrastructure to increase harvesting of timber from Oregon lands. Instead we could be preserving forests as the great carbon sinks they are. These same Industries are now attempting to push you to craft a weak bill across the state while they reap the harvest in an industry that provides only 2% of Oregon jobs. Please stop listening to their lies !

Sincerely,
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The time is always right to do what is right.
~ Martin Luther King Jr.

