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Below is my written testimony in support of SB 1530:

Good morning Chair Dembrow, Vice Chair Olsen and Members of the Senate Interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. For the record, my name is Jeremy Clark and I live in Portland, Oregon. I am 15 years old and I attend Cleveland High School. I am submitting this written testimony in strong support of SB 1530.

I would like to start by thanking the members of this committee who support SB 1530 or those who have supported other versions of it in previous legislative sessions. Your support (or lack thereof) of this bill will help determine whether the posterity thrives or perishes.

Unfortunately, I have been working on helping to pass cap and trade in Oregon for far too long. This will be my fifth year in a row lobbying or testifying for this bill. It must be my last. Us children have no time left to waste debating, no time left to waste waiting as our elected officials pull reckless political stunts that undermine the very foundations of our democracy. The future looks grim if the status quo perseveres.

Climate change is a divisive issue, and I know that for some of you, voting for this bill puts your political future at risk. But there is a lot more at stake than just a political future, and I think that deep down you *all* know that. Your job is not to get reelected, but to make the world a better place.

The prosperity of my generation depends on whether our elected officials choose to treat us children as human beings, or as afterthoughts. That choice is yours.

Thank you.