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Good morning Chair Dembrow, Vice Chair Olsen and Members of the Senate Interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

We are the Oregon Youth Legislative Initiative, a network of Oregon youth who work to involve youth in politics at the state level and advocate for important legislation. We are based in Eugene but have members across the state.

Thank you for your continued effort to address the continued effects of climate change in Oregon and to protect all of your constituents through this important work. As young people in this state, we depend on you all as the people in power to make decisions that will protect our futures and our families futures.

We support the framework of SB 1530, but we ask you to be bolder with this climate legislation in order to ensure that the intended effects or the original legislation actually become a reality. This can only happen if the state's largest polluters are truly held accountable for the carbon they emit. The bill, although better than many proposals, is not the same legislation as last year. This legislation represents an overcorrection toward polluting industry's wishlist.

We greatly appreciate all of the work you have done, but this isn't over. We hope that we can all work together over the next few weeks to pass bold climate legislation that we can get behind.

We urge lawmakers to make improvements to the transportation portion of the bill to make sure that all oil companies, which are the largest source of pollution in the state, pay their fair share. We also urge you to make sure that this LC will not pay polluters to continue business as usual – we need real climate action, not action in name only that fails to hold polluters accountable. Lastly, we urge you to ensure that this LC has a guarantee in investments in communities hit hardest by the climate crisis. We have fought for years to ensure that these communities – rural, low-income, Tribes, and communities of color – are protected and prioritized. The current version of the legislation aspires to support these communities, they deserve guaranteed protection. Climate change isn't just an environmental issue; it's a social justice issue too, and the state must pass responsible legislation that doesn't leave behind any Oregonians.

As young people beginning to be engaged in the political process, it's heartening to see real action be taken by responsible representatives. At a time with so much division on the national level, we need strong leadership and bold action in Oregon more than ever. The

climate crisis isn't a partisan issue. It's about leaving behind a world that we can inherit and lead with the same care as all of you have.

We will be meeting with lawmakers on February 17th about this issue, and we look forward to talking with you further.

Cap-and-invest will help reduce pollution, invest in good-paying jobs and improve our communities, and protect our health by cleaning up the air. We hope you will support changes to this legislative concept and support the passage of bold climate action in 2020. Our futures, and the future of this state, our home, depends on it.