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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 Diane Winn, I'm a retired public health nurse and I live in Portland. Thank you for your continued work on the critical issue of the climate emergency.

The science is strong in showing that climate change is seriously impacting human health. Professional medical, nursing and public health agencies support these findings and have determined that critical action is necessary to address the issue. Yet, our federal government is doing all it can to ignore the impacts of climate change and, in fact, reverse many environmental policies that protect the public's health. Therefore, it is up to states and local governments to take on the mantle of addressing this serious public health threat.

Currently, the W.H.O. has declared a global emergency as the Wuhan Coronavirus spreads and actions are being taken world-wide to address this threat to public health. Like the Wuhan Coronavirus, climate change is a serious threat to global health. The W.H.O published a report in 2018 projecting at least 250,000 additional deaths per year from climate-related outcomes. As a nurse with a background in public health, I feel it is also critical for us to take steps to prevent climate-related deaths, illnesses and injuries!

I am impressed by the work that has already been done, both in Oregon and in Portland, to address climate change. But more needs to be done and SB 1530 is an important next step in moving our state forward to improving the public's health.

I urge you to support the passage of bold climate action in 2020. This issue is too important. We can't wait any longer.

Yours sincerely,

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