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Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chair Olsen and Members of the Senate Interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, please consider this testimony in favor of strong climate action in 2020.

My name is Eileen Sleva. I live in Hillsboro, I am retired and I am an advocate for our earth.

In 1970, I was a senior in high school on the first Earth day. We learned that our earth was in danger because we were polluting her with all manner of toxic items that we did not investigate properly before we made them common practice. I was horrified and vowed that I would do all I could to see this change so my children would have a clean earth to live on.

It is now 50 years later and we still are putting off reigning in our use of fossil fuels. The Oregon legislature has had a resolution before it for the past 12 years, in different forms, but always seeking strong climate action. The current bill SB 1530 may well have been a good start 12 years ago, but not anymore. We need strong climate action that holds polluters accountable, reduces our need for fossil fuels and invests the profits in our marginalized communities who have been and will continue to be hit the hardest.

How long will our earth be on fire before we stop and take notice? The price we will pay will only increase. It is time to make a difference NOW.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns.

Sincerely,
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"We are not to simply bandage the wounds of victims beneath the wheels of injustice, we are to drive a spoke into the wheel." Dietrich Bonhoeffer