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Subject: Climate Action Now for Working Oregonians: Support and improve SB 1530
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Dear 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 Megan Horst, and I am an urban planner and a professor at Portland State University, living in Portland. I work on farmland and land use issues, and have met many Oregon farmers and ranchers who are concerned about the impacts of climate change. I also work in Portland on behalf of a "just transition" towards clean and green energy that benefits poor and working people.

Thank you for your continued work on the critical issue of climate change.

We need climate action that puts working and poor Oregonians- not the fossil fuel industry- at the front.

The current bill is a good framework but it isn't strong enough. Senate Bill 1530 is currently too weak to meet the state's goals for reducing harmful pollution and provides too many giveaways to the fossil fuel industry allowing these corporations to continue polluting, as usual, harming our health and the climate. Ultimately, this proposal is too weak to meet the demands of the climate crisis. SB 1530 needs to be stronger to reduce pollution from fossil fuel natural gas and 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.

Oregon's most vulnerable populations need strong climate action. People in poverty have the most to lose under climate change natural disasters and have fewer resources to bounce back. In addition, Rural Oregon needs strong climate action. They are on the front lines of climate change. From ranchers in Union County to tree farmers from Clackamas County to farmworkers in the Willamette Valley, there are strong voices from rural Oregon calling for action and their voices shouldn't be ignored.

Please build upon the work you have started with SB 1530 by making the bill stronger and pass bold climate legislation in 2020.

Hopefully,
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