From: Cathy Zheutlin To: **SENR Exhibits** SB 1530: STRONG CLIMATE ACTION TESTIMONY Subject: Date: Sunday, February 2, 2020 6:59:25 PM Dear Chair Dembrow, Vice Chair Olsen and Members of the Senate Interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. My name is Cathy Zheutlin, I'm a Spiritual Life Coordinator at Cedar Sinai Park, and I live in Mr Dembrow's distrcit. Thank you for your continued work on the critical issue of the climate emergency. It's important for Oregon to take climate action because the future of the earth depends on us. We need to immediately reverse the trends. We need to honor the inter-connectivity of all life and do whatever we can to sustain it. Oil companies are the largest source of pollution in our state and we cannot let them off the hook. We can't afford business as usual. We are witnessing the tip of the iceberg of consequences for business being the driver of decisions. It is wrong. We cannot allow legislation to move forward that is climate action in name only, while it fails to hold large polluters accountable. This bill needs a guarantee in investments in communities hardest hit by the climate crisis -- rural, low-income, Tribes, and communities of color. While there are aspirations to prioritize those communities in the current version, Oregonians deserve a guarantee. I urge you to support the passage of bold climate action in 2020. This issue is too important for us to turn our backs while our forests burn, our fish die, and water runs out in parts of our state. Yours sincerely,

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