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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 Christine Kidd, I'm a homeowner, and I live in Salem, Oregon. Thank you for your continued work on the critical issue of the climate emergency. This is not a partisan issue, it is a human issue. You have been elected to represent us, the citizens of this state. Our health and well-being should be at the top of your priority list when you are making legislative decisions.

It is critical that you act this legislative session to reduce carbon emissions and create clean energy jobs. Climate change is already hurting the Oregon economy with wildfires and drought that have caused huge losses for our tourism industry and Oregon agriculture. I personally have asthma and had to endure extremely unhealthy air quality during the terrible wildfires only 2 years ago that were made worse due to climate change. We also had a summer with no clean water here in Salem because of toxic algae that thrives in the warmer lake waters created by carbon emissions and pollution runoff.

We need improvements to the transportation portion of the bill so all oil companies pay their fair share no matter where they're located. Oil companies are the largest source of pollution in our state and we cannot let them off the hook.

As written, this bill would pay the fossil fuel polluters to continue business as usual. We can't afford business as usual. 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 take strong climate action that will keep the economy of Oregon robust now and in the future. Short-sighted resistance to change is killing our planet. You have a moral obligation to protect Oregon lands for all of us: truckers, loggers, farmers, firefighters, our children and our wildlife. Change is hard and it takes courage to stand up to the big money interests that want to profit off from the destruction of our beautiful land, but I know you will show up and vote to support changes to SB1530 that will improve our air, water, land and our economy through the creation of clean energy jobs.

Yours sincerely,

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