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**TO:** Senator Dembrow, Senator Olson, Senator Findley, Senator Prozanski, Senator Roblan

**FR:** BlueGreen Alliance

**Re:** SB 1530: Applaud Key Workforce Standards, Encourage Strengthening Key Areas

February 4th, 2020

Dear Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chair Olson, Members of the Committee

I am writing on behalf of the Oregon Chapter of BlueGreen Alliance, an alliance of labor, environmental, and community organizations working to proactively advance solutions to climate change and other environmental challenges in ways that create and maintain quality jobs and that build a stronger, fairer economy.

We applaud the effort of the Oregon State Legislature to tackle climate change in the 2020 session by introducing SB 1530. We support the bill's goals of reducing carbon emissions, protecting EITE industries, and promoting further decarbonization while creating good jobs for Oregonians.

**Applaud Construction Workforce Standards** that in aggregate, ensure career pathways for local communities to have good paying quality jobs to decarbonize Oregon. Some language can be strengthened to ensure original intent of ensuring all contractors are subject to key standards at key triggers.

**Encouraged to see Just Transition program funded and inclusion of Climate Action Investment Plan in -2 amendment-** Other states like New Mexico and Colorado have passed legislation in creating a just transition program, with New Mexico setting aside a \$20 million fund to transition coal workers. Any potential study for how procurement and investment dollars could support tribal and manufacturing communities transition could greatly strengthen the bill.

**Ensure labor, environmental, and environmental Justice Representation in key committees-** to ensure better stakeholder oversight, collaboration and problem solving to support successful implementation of SB 1530.

We continue to encourage opportunities to strengthen:

- Good program oversight and accountability to ensure all actors behave responsibly.
- To the maximum extent possible, supporting allocations and programs that do no harm to our most vulnerable workers and communities.
- Supporting a successful implementation of the domestic procurement policy that prioritizes materials and products with a low carbon footprint lens (manufacturing, energy source, transportation of goods).
- Supporting climate reinvestments that not only go to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, but also reduces the harmful impacts of toxics to workers and frontline communities.
- Promoting a robust climate jobs strategy for our rural and historical manufacturing communities that create a pathway to good union wage jobs.
- Strong, fair, and responsible stewardship of resources and reinvestments that create high quality jobs for workers and benefits for vulnerable communities.
- -and- A successful just transition of our workforce that considers the unique needs of each individual and community.

Respectfully,



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