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My name is Marta Cohen, and I support Senate Bill 1530 to cap greenhouse gas emissions in the state of Oregon. I am writing this of my own volition.

I have always been very deeply concerned about our planet, the home we all share. I am the mother of a 14-month-old baby, and I want to do everything I can to give her a bright future full of possibilities, just like the futures of those who came before her. The reality is this: If we do not do something to drastically lower our carbon emissions immediately, our world will no longer be recognizable.

We have seen how climate change has already begun to acidify the oceans, threaten natural habitats and wildlife, worsen our air quality, and increase the frequency of extreme weather events like hurricanes, wildfires, flooding and droughts. This is not alarmist thinking, it is reality. The science of climate change is real. It is not a hoax or an agenda of any political persuasion. Americans want common sense climate change legislation enacted. We believe the science. No intelligent species would knowingly destroy its own habitat.

Contrary to what some may say, we do actually have the power to change this. We are able to prevent the worst effects of climate change, if we act now. But this is only possible if people can stop shouting at each other and start listening to one another. It is only possible if those who care about the planet speak up and make their voices heard. It is only possible if the powerful do what is right instead of seeking to pad their own pockets in the short term. And it will only be possible if legislation is passed to protect our one and only home. Those who are able to take action have a responsibility to do so. The older generations have had the opportunity to live and thrive, and our children today should be given that opportunity as well. To do nothing I believe would be the greatest evil.

Thank you,
Marta Cohen