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Senate Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

Dear Chairman Senator Dembrow and Senators Olsen, Findley, Prozanski & Roblan:

I am opposed to Senate Bill 1530 for a variety of reasons. One of them is that I'm completely fed up with the Oregon legislature selling us an idea only to turn it into something entirely different than what we were told. Using the short session, passed in 2010, originally sold for making minor budget tweaks, is now being used to pass major tax programs which are guaranteed to add to our financial woes while doing little to nothing for the environment. In fact, a case can be made for it doing the opposite, harming the environment.

Another fault is adding an emergency clause to the Bill. This—as you are well aware—only thwarts the citizens Initiative & Referendum process, which has been honored since it's passage in 1902 and noted as “the cornerstone of the *Oregon System*.” It insults your constituency.

I am also opposed because of the environmental harm SB 1530, if passed, will cause. Something the proposed legislation is touted to mitigate. Consider for example, the tremendous land use required for *renewable* energy sources such as wind and solar power installations. A massive expansion of wind turbines would require enormous amounts of concrete and steel. Siting the projects away from urban centers (for obvious reasons) will require untold miles of new power transmission lines, requiring yet more resources.

Consider the pollution from manufacturing and installing these renewable systems, which is significant. The manufacturing of solar panels require the use of lead, cadmium telluride, copper indium selenide, cadmium gallium (di)selenide, copper indium gallium (di)selenide, hexafluoroethane, and polyvinyl fluoride. All which must be mined, processed, transported, and assembled, activities which pose environmental dangers and health hazards along the way, as well as requiring increasing sources of reliable energy sources.

Senate Bill 1530 has nothing to do with the earth's environment. It is about who pays, and who gets paid.

Respectfully,



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