

Senator Roblan, Senator Dembrow, Senator Beyer and Senator Taylor:

My name is Leslie Gay from Eugene and am advocating for my 25 grand nieces and nephews and all future generations.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today concerning HB1530. I have a deep appreciation for the financial impact of change. My husband, Tim, was in a family meat locker business that closed after 5 generations while we were in our late 30's. Having limited resources, he was able to take out student loans to study accounting and become a CPA. From our experience career changes are not easy but rewarding in the end.

President Lyndon Johnson's science advisory committee warned of climate change 55 years ago. Ignoring the reality has lead to making difficult decisions today. I urge you to hold fast to your conviction of drafting bi-partisan legislation to tackle the defining moment of our time, Climate Change. The time is now for making these difficult decisions not for short term but long-term outcomes.

The cap should and must include any businesses that emit carbon emissions over 25,000 metric tons if goals are to be met for 2050 carbon reduction projections. Natural Gas should not be given free allowances. Again, I would not be immune to the economic affects. I purchased a gas furnace 2 years ago in my ignorance of the actual carbon footprint Natural Gas produces.

I am happy to see HB1530 addresses impacted communities and am pleased Oregon Tribes are specifically listed. As defined in HB2020 I would hope Tribes would receive 10% of carbon revenues generated. I would encourage funding be also outlined and allocated for grants, low interest loans, and for the establishment of educational programs in high schools, trade schools and local colleges to provide training and the education for impacted communities to fill green energy jobs.

Thank you for your work on HB 1530. You will have left a legacy for your legislative years and for your future generations.