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**To:** [SENR Exhibits](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass strong climate legislation in Oregon!  
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Dear Oregon State Legislator:

Cc: Governor Kate Brown

Cc: Senate Interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

As my legislator, I'm counting on you to pass strong climate legislation this year.

It's promising to hear that the Senate just introduced a new climate bill — Senate Bill 1530.

This bill has the opportunity to expand Oregon's clean energy economy, cut harmful carbon pollution, and protect communities from extreme weather, wildfires, and drought. Please make sure this bill is as strong as possible.

Specifically, please ensure that SB 1530:

- Puts Oregon on a path to reducing emissions 45% by 2035 and 80% by 2050, compared to 1990 levels
- Creates good-paying clean energy jobs and job training programs throughout the state, prioritizing investments in rural, tribal, and low-income communities
- Holds big climate polluters, like oil companies and industrial gas users, accountable

Oregonians are already suffering from the effects of climate change — including rising temperatures, declining snowpack, increased wildfires, unhealthy air quality, drought, and rising sea levels. It's never been a more critical time for states like ours to take the lead in developing climate solutions.

Please take bold action on climate this year.

Thank you so much for your time.

**From:** [David Corbin](#)  
**To:** [SENR Exhibits](#)  
**Subject:** Please oppose Cap & Trade  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 4, 2020 10:20:05 PM

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Dear Chair Dembrow,

As a small business owner and NFIB member, I would like to share with you why I oppose Cap & Trade - and ask you to stand-up for small businesses and Oregon families by opposing SB 1530.

Cap & Trade will make living and working in Oregon more expensive - even for those Oregonians lacking the ability to pay more for energy. Many families will bear the cost of increased natural gas rates and higher prices for propane, two key fuels that Oregonians rely on to heat their homes in the cold, winter months.

Transportation fuel prices would also see dramatic increases, on top of the recently enacted gas tax increases authorized by HB 2017 and the implementation of the state's low carbon fuel standard. Based on carbon allowance prices, a gallon of gas could see increases of 16 to 28 cents in the next several years. An analysis of HB 2020 last year by the non-partisan Legislative Revenue Office, estimated a 22 cent per gallon increase in the first year of the program alone.

Cap & Trade not only hurts Oregon residents but also our local businesses. Companies in Oregon will end up paying higher energy and operating costs, resulting in fewer living-wage jobs, which are so important to providing opportunities in rural communities. This will only deepen the economic division between Portland and rural Oregon.

We know that this program if adopted, would increase energy costs for all Oregonians in the form of higher utility bills and higher prices at the pump with virtually no impact on the global climate. For small-business families, the impact of higher energy costs would be twice as painful. We'll pay once for our household energy needs - and then a second time for our businesses.

Please protect Oregon's small and family-owned businesses by opposing Cap & Trade

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Merle Stutzman](#)  
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**Subject:** Please oppose Cap & Trade  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 5, 2020 11:00:14 AM

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Dear Chair Dembrow,

As a small business owner and NFIB member, I would like to share with you why I oppose Cap & Trade - and ask you to stand-up for small businesses and Oregon families by opposing SB 1530.

After hearing some of the testimony before the Committee yesterday, it seemed to me that some who testified as proponents of the bill, were very little aware of the meaning and any detriment attributed to the name "climate change". They interject the term as a buzzword, or as we would in "name dropping". No explanation or example was given as to how they would be impacted adversely. The focus rather was on the benefit to them of the portion of taxes the State will collect, should this measure pass, and the amount that would flow to them and the members of their group. I am disappointed that some groups are singled out for express preference to these monies, rather than adherence to the "self-evident truth that all men are created equal."

The committee, it seems to me, assumes this measure will be passed without question and that minds of the committee are not likely to be altered by the many who will yet testify as either for or against it. I hope and pray that I am wronging that particular. I do not personally believe the ostensible basis for this bill, namely, the detriment to our climate due to the level of carbon emissions, has been proven beyond reasonable doubt. That purported detriment is doubtful and the supporting arguments tenuous and, among scientists, arguable.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Tina Carter](#)  
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**Subject:** Please oppose Cap & Trade  
**Date:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 8:00:13 AM

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