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Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chair Olsen and Members of the Senate Interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

My name is Noah Clark. I am a senior at Cleveland High School in Portland. I would like to start by thanking you for your continued work around the critical issue of climate change. I will spend my upcoming summer fighting many of the wildfires that threaten the Pacific Northwest. After I spend my summer fighting fires, I'm going on a gap year to try and see to the country's National Parks before they are ravished by climate change.

SB 1530 is a good framework but it needs to be stronger. It provides too many giveaways to the fossil fuel industry, allowing these corporations to continue polluting as usual, harming our health and the climate. At the end of the day, you must ask yourself what is more important: the future of our planet and everyone living on it, or the well-being of a few already insanely wealthy fossil fuel companies.

We are running out of time. Oregon is feeling the full force of the climate crisis as we watch our oceans acidify and see an increase in wildfire fire activity. I want to have a future that I can look forward to and share with others, not an apocalyptic reality plagued with disasters.

I am counting on you to make this bill as strong as possible and take bold climate action in 2020. We are in overtime -- please make it count.

Sincerely,
Noah Clark
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