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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of SB 1530, the Oregon Greenhouse Gas Initiative. The legislation's framework will help accelerate a low-carbon future. NIKE, individually and as a member of the Oregon Business for Climate organization, remains committed to creating a better, more sustainable future for our employees, consumers, planet and communities.

Oregon is home to NIKE's World Headquarters with more than 14,000 employees and is powered via a direct power purchase agreement by three wind farms in the nearby Columbia River Gorge. While people don't generally think of NIKE as a manufacturer, Oregon is also home to NIKE's Air Manufacturing Innovation (Air MI) group. Air MI is a NIKE subsidiary and best known for producing the cushioning Air soles for the iconic line of NIKE Air footwear models. Air MI is primarily comprised of three operations – one facility in Washington County, OR and one in Beaverton, OR, both near NIKE's World Headquarters, and a facility near St. Louis, MO, with a combined workforce of about 1,800 full-time employees. Between the three properties, Air MI employs more than 160 product creation, innovation and engineering experts, and eight PhDs, one of the highest such concentrations of advanced degree professionals in the footwear and apparel industry.

In addition, as you may be aware, in 2015, NIKE joined RE100, a coalition of businesses that have pledged to source 100% renewable electricity in their operations. As a Fortune 100 company, we have an opportunity to drive increased renewable electricity production and access globally. NIKE has committed to reaching 100% renewable electricity in owned or operated facilities by 2025 and encouraging broader adoption of renewable energy in our supply chain as part of our effort to control absolute emissions.

NIKE is making significant progress toward our global renewable energy commitment. In December 2018, NIKE signed a power purchase agreement with a provider to produce renewable energy equivalent to 100% of our European electricity consumption when the project goes live in 2020. Combined with earlier agreements with a provider in the U.S. (including one powering NIKE's World Headquarters in Oregon with wind energy from the nearby Columbia River Gorge), that means NIKE has contracted for more than 75% of our global electricity load. We will continue to work towards our 100% renewable goal.

We ask for your support of SB 1530 and thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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