

Hi,

My name is Suzanne Monaco and I live in Bend, OR. I think both sides can agree on one thing that we all want to protect the environment. TimberUnity put together sensible plans that will make a great impact on the environment. So why don't we start there? Oregon is home to our greatest carbon ally TREES!!

Smart policy needs to include both side of the discussion. SB 1530 has many questions. I would like to understand why this bill is allowing the exemption of the largest polluters, lack of transparency, lack of economic impact analysis of each community and a detailed plan of what exactly "green jobs" are and how they will be built and implemented. Who will pay for the retraining and do people want to work in these industries?

Again, TimberUnity has put together comprehensive points to support the environment and in good policy, you should be responding to the citizens why their ideas are not being included in SB 1530 or even considered.

Also, if our reliance on electric vehicles is where our future is going, I would like to ensure the vehicles are not coming from China the largest polluter, who will only increase because of more coal plants coming on line (over 200). I don't care if they are meeting their Paris accord terms, all you have to do is take a look at photos from space and see China's pollution and read about their horrible air quality for their citizens. Also, with the cobalt from batteries coming from Africa and child labor used in the mines and the amount of environmental damage done, policy should also be considered to ensure the supply chain of these products that Oregon will be forced to rely on meet our standards.

I understand this is a very complex issues, but taxes are not the answer!

Thank you for your service to the State of Oregon.

Best,
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