

Hello,

As an Oregon resident and voter, I would like to submit the following testimony in support of SB1530.

This is the year for Oregon (and all states and nations) to take action on climate change. And so was last year. And the year before that. In fact, we have had more than 30 years to take action on this problem. I often hear complaints that climate activists are asking for "extreme" and "sudden" transitions that aren't reasonable. That argument has successfully prevented ambitious action on climate change for 30 years. The time for "slow, measured" transitions has passed; if you wanted a slow transition, you should have started a very long time ago. Looking back, if we had just gotten started when scientists first raised the alarm, we could be sitting in a very different world right now and this debate would have been over.

When the time for voting on SB1530 comes, I'd like to remind our state legislators that sometimes being a decisionmaker means making hard decisions. It means having the foresight that something difficult now will pay much higher dividends in the future. It means having the courage to act in a moral manner, with integrity, even if the political consequences are tough. I certainly hope that all our state legislators will be in their seats, ready to act on climate this year.

Thank you,

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