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Gentlemen,

I read with interest your opinion piece in this mornings Statesman Journal. I admire your passion about climate change and your desire to find solutions to this important issue.

I'm a fifth generation Oregonian whose family came to Oregon with the Westward migration in the 19th Century. My family homesteaded near Hubbard Oregon and were farmers. My grandfather and father both made their livings in the wood product industry. My grandfather died in an accident while setting chokers at the coast. This industry supported their families and enabled myself and my brothers to obtain university degrees, and attain a middle to upper middle, class life.

As an undergraduate at the University of Oregon in the early 1970's I attended the very first Earth Day event. I recall the scientists telling us that the earth would soon perish due to an ice age and overpopulation. We would experience famine and depletion of fossil fuels and other resources. Its been fifty years and I'm still waiting for that to happen. Next we were told that acid rain would destroy our waterways and forests. I'm still waiting for that to happen. After that it was that the ozone layer would be destroyed. I'm still looking for that to take place. Next it was Al Gore telling us that the ice caps would melt due to global warming. When the earth didn't warm and the seas didn't rise the so called experts claimed that climate change would doom us.

So excuse me if I seem just a little skeptical that we have an emergency due to carbon pollution, and that if we don't do something we will all perish in 12 years.

Even if I were to accept all your facts as gospel, I have a problem believing that SB1530 will accomplish anything close to what you believe it can accomplish. So if I understand your desire is to raise Oregonian's fuel, electric, and cost of living expenses, and put many rural Oregonians out of work just so you can say Oregon is leading the way. Wouldn't it be better to work on cleaning up our water, and managing our forests so they don't burn all summer. That is something that we can do and it will have an effect on carbon reduction.

Senate leader Ginny Burdick says that we shouldn't vote on this issue because it is too difficult for the average Oregonian to understand. This is what I would tell Ms. Burdick. Its not what I don't understand about HB1530 that concerns me. Its what I do understand.

I'm going to encourage my Republican Senators to walk out again if you do not allow a statewide referendum on SB1530. They should just walk away from this legislative short session because Kate Brown and the democrats have abused the voters intent. This was not supposed to be a session where gun control, carbon cap and trade, and other complicated legislation was to be crafted and voted on. Democrats are way over their skis and you will pay a price in the 2020 statewide elections.