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Dear Legislators & staff,

Please count me among the supporters of SB1530 and whatever amended bill may emerge as long as the final product remains a strong Cap and Invest program that will reduce Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions to as close to net zero as possible by 2050.

I live in little Talent, Oregon, a rural town in Jackson County. Not by a long shot are all rural Oregonians represented by the log truck drivers and mill workers who descended upon the capitol last week to rally against any climate bill without really having the facts in hand. I believe that if you polled rural Oregonians, a clear majority would favor legislation to reduce greenhouse gases.

While we've been lucky the last two years, the previous two summers of extreme smoke invasions into our valley have shown us a very unpleasant future awaits us if we don't start addressing climate change and increase the amount of controlled burning in the winter & spring to decrease the fuels that cause catastrophe summer blazes.

But it is essential that you pass a strong Cap & Invest bill to make sure that Oregon does its part to contribute to the solution instead of our continuing to be part of the problem of global warming.

I urge the Republicans looking at this legislation to suggest amendments but to stay in the Capitol and work toward solving this existential problem. Running away will be something you & your children will regret in the long run.

Very Truly Yours,
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