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Greetings,

I am a lifelong Oregon resident. I have dedicated my life to public service as a firefighter, and police officer. My family owns a small timber farm in Clatsop County. This farm has been in our family since the late 1800's.

We have, for generations been managing our little chunk of forest, selectively logging and re-planting. We have struggled to keep our decades-old equipment operating to be able to efficiently and effectively care for the land. As a 400+ acre working tree farm, we can't afford to upgrade to the latest and greatest equipment with current emissions technology. We have a skidder, a loader, a dozer, and several trailers and a pickup.

We work so hard to ensure the land is cared for in a responsible manner. We have waterways that run through our property, and through the adjacent Clatsop State Forest. As we log and recreate in this area, we do everything we can to keep this place pristine.

We would really like to see increased logging in the area, to prevent fires, disease, and to ensure adequate and healthy wildlife habitat.

I have reviewed 100% of HB2020, and now SB1530, as well as the proposed amendments. This legislation is poorly crafted and is not good for Oregon. Please, if you as legislators, and Governor believe this is necessary/ mandatory for us as Oregonians, allow us residents to vote on this. There has been no rational explanation from anyone at the Capitol explaining why this is not a viable option. Please allow us to vote on this.

With my current financial obligations, our family, unfortunately lives “paycheck to paycheck.” It is often that at the end of the month, after bills are paid, we only have \$75- \$100 remaining. Our family income has not kept up with the cost of living in this state. With other tax increases, and increased costs for most goods and services already, we can’t afford a single cent of increased taxes and/ or fees. As consumers of gasoline, diesel, propane, and electricity, we know that SB1530 will have an impact on our family, directly as consumers of these products, but also secondarily as consumers from companies that rely on these forms of energy.

As a resident of Canby, Oregon, property owner in Clatsop County, Oregon, and citizen of the State of Oregon, I urge you to please re-evaluate this terrible legislation. This wiil undoubtedly cost working-class Oregonians a ton of money.

Please, either look at alternative ways to reduce carbon emissions in Oregon that won’t have such devastating financial effects on Oregon citizens/ residents and businesses or allow the citizens of the once great state to vote.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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