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My name is Neal Hadley. I'm retired and live in Lookingglass. I am the president of the board of the nonprofit Symbiota Land Trust, I'm on the board of the Douglas County Global Warming Coalition, and I'm president of the Umpqua Valley Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon.

My Degree is in Biology. I worked in Southwest Oregon since the seventies at jobs that have taken me from muddy tidal marshes on the coast to clean-room labs assembling water purifiers for the International Space Station.

I spend a lot of time outdoors, and when I do I look and see what's living there, be it birds, invertebrates, flowers, trees, moss... you name it. When I get to take my granddaughters for a walk, I slip in some plant ID or "why those woodpecker holes are like that". It's my wish that they will know the wonder I learned and grew up with.

I've been in Lookingglass for 20 years and in that time I've seen the change that a compelling amount of research shows is dominantly driven by this greenhouse gas fueled climate crisis. I've got a lot of dead and dying Douglas fir trees on my property, the winter storms are more sporadic and intense, and the numbers and varieties of butterflies, pollinators, birds and more have dropped. It's truly disturbing.

I urge Senators to show leadership in slowing the decline in biodiversity while getting our state's economy ahead of the curve regarding the changes coming. Strengthen SB 1530, minimize exemptions, and work now and in the future to assist folks with few resources and those in rural areas that bear a disproportionate burden.

I understand the economic pain, in particular those businesses tied to the price of diesel, gas, and other fossil fuels; but these products have always been volatile in price. From January 2011 to April 2011 diesel prices nationally rose almost seventy cents a gallon. I haven't been able to find how many trucking companies went bankrupt in that time but I doubt the dire predictions of the industry are to be taken at face value. SB1530 will align Oregon with the other west coast states, by far our largest trucking neighbors.

Don't underestimate Oregon's role in setting a global agenda.

Thanks for your work; please prioritize steps to avert this crisis.

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