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**Testimony on SB 1530 before the Senate Committee  
on Environment and Natural Resources**

Chair Dembrow

Vice-Chair Olsen

Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chair Olsen, members of the Committee: My name is Rich Peppers, and I live in Portland. I'm here as a volunteer, urging passage of the strongest possible SB 1530.

I just wanted to say "thank you" to you all for devoting so much time and energy to SB 1530 and its precursor efforts. What motivates me to be a volunteer for climate legislation is wishing the best for our children! I'm sure that motivates all of you, too.

We know the longer we wait to take action, the harder it is on future generations to accomplish the steps that must be taken – whether those be emissions reductions, carbon sequestration, technological innovation, or (most likely) all of the above. By starting now, with a balanced approach that acknowledges the need to assist all parts of the state in the transition to a less-carbon-intensive economy, the hardships, of which there will be many, can be minimized. It may not feel like it now, but delay will only make it even harder to do, later.

SB 1530 is not perfect, nor could it possibly meet everyone's expectations. But, it could be a start, and we so very much need a start, for our state, our country, and for the planet. Thank you for your time.

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