

Members of the House Rules Committee:

I come from Southern Oregon where our economy depends on fishing, forestry and agriculture as well tourism based on outdoor activities. We are especially concerned about the inevitable effect of climate change on our jobs and industries. And we cannot understand why opponents of SB 1530 are not concerned about how these impacts will affect our children and grandchildren's lives 10, 50 and 80 years from now.

We need our legislature to pass a strong greenhouse gas emission reduction measure right now. If we had done that 30 years ago around the world, we'd be in a good situation by now related to climate change. As it is, we have a mere decade to do our part to get our emissions under control. Now we must take a steep downward trajectory on greenhouse gas emissions by cutting back sharply on use of fossil fuels in industry and residential environments. We must also add serious carbon sequestration in land and forests. And we have to accomplish that while investing in green energy sources and impacted communities.

Please, let's get this job done in this session.

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