

Thank you for supporting The Oregon 2020 Climate Action Bill SB1530, which establishes the Oregon Greenhouse Gas Initiative supervised by an Office of Greenhouse Gas Reduction. In rural Southern Oregon we are deeply concerned about environmental, social and economic justice and the effects of global warming. We want to assure that Oregon is on the path in doing our part in reducing greenhouse gases. This bill places responsibility on the big emitters and provides the means to encourage transition to more sustainable energy sources. While the legislation may not be perfect, it a start and a good one we can improve upon over the next ten years. Without a road to reduced emissions, I fear we will find ourselves in 2030 in even more dire straits than we're presently experienced.

It seems to me the best function of government is to regulate those who would take advantage of their power and domination in marketplaces to carve out even more resources from the natural world. Unchecked by serious and enforced regulations, eventually even those corporations will suffer, as the bounty of the natural world is not limitless. Unbridled resource extraction, without conscience for others and all beings, is a potentially disastrous end game and payment is coming due! By adopting SB1530 a message will be sent and companies will understand that there is expectation, in fact a mandate, that they transit to less damaging practices. Profit is not everything, and true wealth is clean air, water, soil, food and expanded employment that can be gained by implementing sustainable energy systems.

A steep downward trajectory on greenhouse gas emissions is necessary now, before it's too late. In rural Oregon more guidance and financial support is needed to encourage carbon sequestration as well as greenhouse gas emissions reduction. Passage of SB1530 will allow for investing in impacted rural communities and we are with you in providing the education programs and actions to show our fellow citizens that there are financial advantages to embracing healthier energy sources and environment-healing, sustainable regenerative agriculture and other sound practices.

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