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My name is Michael Heumann, MPH, MA, I am an Epidemiologist focusing on the public health impacts from disasters and the climate crisis. I live in NE Portland, Oregon. For 27 years I worked for the Oregon Public Health Authority, and am currently an expert consultant. Thank you for your continued work on developing critical legislation to address climate change.

We are in a climate crisis that demands strong action to mitigate the worst impacts and support those who are most vulnerable to its impacts. People in rural Oregon and people in poverty are the most at risk population groups in our state, as they have the most to lose as a result of the natural disasters associated with climate change, and they have the fewest resources with which to bounce back.

The current version of Senate Bill 1530 is a good framework, but it isn't strong enough. The Bill is currently too weak to meet the state's goals for reducing harmful pollution and provides too many giveaways to the fossil fuel industry—allowing these corporations to continue polluting, as usual, which is harming our health and the climate. We have too little time to take small steps that do not adequately address the crisis we are facing. We need you to step up and promote stronger actions that reduce greenhouse gasses that continue to be generated in Oregon.

I hope you will strive whole heartedly to strengthen SB 1530 and support the passage of bold climate legislation in 2020. We are watching, and we cannot wait any longer.

Sincerely,

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