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To: SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Public Testimony.

February 4, 2020 3:00 P.M. HR C

I'm retired here on the North Coast and have been actively advocating climate action beginning with the original Healthy Climate Bill. Linda and I lead our neighborhood in resiliency and preparedness. As small lot forest owners we're personally invested in the future of our forests. As artists, my wife inspires others with the beauty of our coast. As a sculptor, I've been able to place my work around Oregon as my voice on climate themes, including our Governor's office in the 2018 legislative session.

We're grateful for the continued work of the legislature these past years in continuing the refinement of an Oregon answer and the persistence of those leading it's development.

As we've travelled this last year we've had fruitful conversations with those in the extraction economy, people proud of their work. We agreed that this transition is necessary, but that demonizing, misrepresentations, and lack of listening and mutual respect are stymieing progress. Success this year will be test of resolve and respect.

SB 1530 sets a framework for the transition, a "best available" treaty of stakeholders under the press of crisis, with goals set by "best available" science. It provides opportunities to address anticipated burdens on those most impacted. And, it provides flexibility for adjustments as we move along.

Here on the coast it provides opportunities for funding and jobs focused on innovations in sustainable forest and dairy practices, preservation of our watersheds, sustainable approaches to transportation, and resiliency efforts in anticipation of both climate and Cascadia impacts.

Hopefully, refinements to the bill over the past year and the mounting realities of climate impacts here in Oregon and globally, will finally get us started on the work ahead. Linda and I urge you to be the ones that do it.

Respectfully and passionately,  
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