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Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chair Olsen, members of the Committee. My name is Tom Boyd, I'm a retired health professional, a grandparent, and a Forest Service volunteer. I reside in Eugene.

Thank you for your work on the critical issue of climate change. As we debate SB 1530, all of us should consider this. History is watching us, in this special moment and place. One day our grand-children or our great-grand-children will ask a question something like this: "Gramps, when they realized climate change threatened to ruin everything, what did you do to try to help save the world?" If we live long enough to be asked that question, what will we say?

Will we say, "Oh, I'm as sorry as I can be, Honey. We knew something was happening to the weather, but all that global warming stuff sounded like tree-hugger baloney. We needed to put food on the table, and didn't have time to think about all that science stuff. We never dreamed we could lose it all, right down to the table itself."

Does this sound any better? "I'll level with you, kid. We've put ourselves between a rock and a hard place, and we aren't out yet. Thankfully, before it was too late we figured out we're all in this together and put our backs into it. Things are still gonna be downright tough for a while, but they're a heckuva lot better than if we'd done nothing. And it's not all bad news either. Study hard and you'll find work in the renewable energy field. There's plenty of growth potential because of Oregon's solar, wind, and hydro resources, not to mention all that developing conservation technology. It's still kind of scary when we get the big floods or fire tornadoes, but it's also an exciting time to be an Oregonian."

What will you say? For our future generations, and for yours, I hope you will be able to say you acted when courage was required. Thank you for your time.

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