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Speaker Kotek, Sen. Dembrow:

My husband and I are residents of NE Portland, and we are writing to you to urge you and your fellow legislators to pass a Cap and Trade bill during this legislative session. It is imperative that the State of Oregon step up its game to address climate change NOW! We are witnessing the global impacts of climate change on a daily basis--from severe forest fires and intense hurricanes to long-lasting droughts and melting arctic sea ice. And if we are to have any chance of avoiding catastrophic results, we must reduce the extraction of fossil fuels and slow down our carbon emissions. "Cap and Trade" is not enough, but at least it is a beginning.

We support SB 1530, and agree that a significant portion of the revenues collected should be utilized to improve forest health and for wildfire mitigation; however, the appropriate use of these funds should be better defined. We request that you consider slight modification to the bill, consistent with the following (shown in bold type):

SB 1530-2, SECTION 39 (Climate Investments Fund), Subsection (5)(e):

*(e) 25 percent shall be distributed to the State Forestry Department for:*

*(A) wildfire mitigation efforts, including but not limited to: projects under the Good Neighbor Authority Agreement, as that term is defined in ORS 526.275, **that are consistent with the sideboards outlined in SB 1514-2;***

***(B) defensible space and home hardening projects for at-risk communities;***

***(C) development of local plans aimed at wildfire risk reduction and fire safety;***

*(D) and as informed by the recommendations of any council formed by the Governor to address wildfire response.*

Thank you for the opportunity to submit public comment.

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