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Dear Members of the Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources,

I am writing to express my opposition to SB1530. I have watched each hearing and heard many testimonies against and for this legislation. So far I haven't heard anyone address exemptions and carve outs.

I would like to know why some of Oregon's biggest corporations like Nike, Boeing, and Intel get exemptions? Due to Monday's amendments to SB1530, I watched 2 sectors of industry who had previously testified against LC19, change their minds and testify for it. You gave the steel industry a 10 year exemption, and a carveout to Food NW.

Who is going to lobby for the working men and women of Oregon? Who is going to lobby for the working poor, the retirees, or the elderly on fixed incomes who cannot bear one more tax increase? You, Senators Dembrow, Olsen, Findley, Golden, and Roblan, have been charged by your constituents to lobby for them. YOU have been charged to protect them from bearing the burden of undo taxation while big business gets a pass.

Oregon is one of the greenest states, and has been making great strides to curb greenhouse gas emissions. Despite population growth, we have reduced our carbon footprint significantly. There are so many questions still not answered concerning SB1530; How much carbon will it sequester, what will the economic outcome be for each of us? There are many things we as Oregonians, can do to continue to lower our carbon footprint without breaking the backs of it's peoples.

I understand there is a pollution problem in many parts of the world. The Oregon constitution does not charge you as a representative of its citizens, to legislate the rest of the world. It does however, charge you to represent the will of it's citizens. With that in mind, I urge YOU to be the people's lobbyist and protect them from the burden of this bill. I urge you shelve this bill until such time as you can answer all the questions associated with it, or let the will of the people speak by referring it to the ballot.

Thank You for your time,

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