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Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chair Olsen and Members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

I am writing today to ask you to oppose SB 1530: Relating to greenhouse gas emissions; declaring an emergency.

SB 1530 is expected to raise my gasoline prices as much as 72 cents a gallon by 2022. This bill is also expected to raise my natural gas prices by 13% and, for many businesses, by as much as 53%. The burden this bill puts on local manufacturers, farmers and ranchers will substantially increase their production costs and taxes, which means they will need to raise their prices. These tax increases will price local goods out of the budget for many Oregonians. Without local support, local businesses will fail or move out of state. **This bill taxes working Oregonians into poverty and causes irreparable damage to local businesses.**

I understand that there is a desire to act on climate change, to do our part. But the burden you are asking Oregonians to bear is UNREASONABLE, ARBITRARY AND ONE SIDED. Oregon emitted about 65 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents in 2017, which accounts for less than two-tenths of one percent of global emissions. Even if Oregon reduced its carbon emissions to zero, we would have no impact on global climate change. **There is no emergency in this bill** since we are of no consequence to the global greenhouse gas emissions. **Let the people vote. The Oregon Legislature should not be afraid of the opinions and beliefs of the people it represents.**

I strongly urge you to remove the emergency clause in this bill and vote AGAINST SB 1530.

Sincerely,

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