I am a resident of Portland Oregon since 1971. I am writing to urge that the legislative body pass the Clean Energy Bill HB 2020 and make that bill as strong as possible to affect real impact on the GHG emitted in our state.

The state of our planet is in a real crisis. We don't have time to play games and do actions that will not affect outcome. The world as we know it is in great peril and you as our state leaders have the power to enact legislation that can make a real difference in our future. I have young grandchildren and want their world to be one where we are living in balance with nature. Toward that aim I urge you to support and strengthen HB2020 that is presently on the table.

These are some ways to strenghten HB2020:

- We need to increase our targets to 20% reduction of 1990 levels by 2025, 55% by 2035, and 100% reduction by 2050. Climate science is arguing for these stricter targets and you as leaders need to take us there.
- The current level of free allowances should be reduced to no more than 25% of total allowances instead of the present 39% that the bill presently stipulates.
- Offsets should be limited to 4% of emissions instead of the present value of 8% that is included in the bill- and all the offsets claimed should have Oregon benefits.
- All major polluters of GHG need to operate within the cap. Exemption for aircraft and municipal incinerators should not be allowed.
- The bill details Investment Fund Requirements appropriately but needs added to it language specific allocation of the Climate Investment Fund and the Just Transition Fund.
- The Public Utility Commission should be charged with supporting Oregon's transition to a clean energy economy.
- HB2020 needs to include language that will give the Carbon Policy Office the necessary regulatory authority to ensure compliance with the requirements of the bill.
- HB2020 needs to include language that will assure that the nine-member citizen advisory committee truly reflects racial diversity, tribal representation, as well as geographic and socioeconomic diversity.

Paired with this legislation there should be other complementary initiatives passed by the legislature.

- Moratorium on new fossil fuel infrastructure.
- Agriculture and Forestry practices to support reduced emissions.
- New diesel emissions standards in line with California and Washington.

I am frightened by our future. This is no time to take baby steps to address the true crisis of our timesclimate change. Do all that you can to put Oregon on the map for leadership in taking real action that will meaningfully reduce our carbon footprint.

Thank you for your consideration.

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