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Co-chairs Dembrow and Power and Members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction,

My name is Patricia Dudley. I am President and co-owner of Bethel Heights Vineyard. As a member of the agricultural community and on behalf of the owners and employees of Bethel Heights Vineyard, I'm writing to ask you to support HB 2020, also known as Clean Energy Jobs, which will put a cap and price on greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon and invest in solutions.

We in the wine industry are acutely aware of the impact that climate change is already having on our farms. We have built a remarkably successful industry on the suitability of our Willamette Valley climate for Pinot noir, one of the wine world's most sought after, and most climate-sensitive, wine varieties. The past decade of increasingly warm and dry vintages here is already forcing the conversation about how much longer we can expect to farm Pinot noir and our other cool-climate varieties successfully in Oregon. This is just one small part of the global threat we are facing, but a sign that the crisis is already here and accelerating faster than we ever expected. We cannot afford to do nothing.

Farmers can play a crucial role in carbon sequestration and building resilience in the landscape, especially if that role is supported by strong public policy as envisioned in HB 2020. Please support this investment in our future.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service.

  
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