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To the Joint Carbon Reduction Committee:

In regard to the proposed HB 2020, we believe it would perpetuate Oregon's recent history of impoverishing the state's most economically depressed regions, representing over three-quarters of the states' land. As the bill is currently set out, it creates policy and more government overreach that will cut off the hands of those who are foundational in "feeding" or nourishing the state's economy. By their nature, agricultural and forestry practices and industries are dependent upon access to affordable and transportable energy such as natural gas, gasoline, and diesel. Their viability, including our own farm's viability, is greatly endangered by the measures in this legislation. Citizens whose livelihoods are dependent on affordable energy (ultimately all Oregonians) will have a tremendous hardship inflicted upon them by the same hands which were once raised swearing to uphold and protect their interests.

Please reject HB 2020 in its entirety. Oregon is already the leading state in having the least amount of carbon emissions. Even researchers at Oregon State University have remarked that the reduction in carbon emissions forecasted to occur at the implementation of this bill will be insubstantial toward effecting climate change. Conversely, its passage is GUARANTEED to inflict hardship on our very own families. If this bill should pass it will speak volumes into how disconnected our state leaders are from their constituents and basic logic.

Sincerely,

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