

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

My name is Marquis and I live/work in Central Portland. Being born in St. Johns, I have seen firsthand the effect of pollution and industrial waste and how it destroys our bodies and communities.

Passing HB 2020, previously known as Clean Energy Jobs is critical to our climate future and Oregon economy. It will add to household income across all tax brackets, with the most going to low-income households because it will create thousands of good-paying jobs and the transition to cleaner energy will lower costs for people and businesses.

Other states and governments/municipalities across the globe with Carbon Markets **HAVE NOT** produced an increase in Gasoline or home heating prices. Oregon has some of the lowest costs of gasoline on the west coast in general anyways (Including WA, OR, AL, CA, NV). While there may be some economic costs that could come with backlash from industries that are targeted, these industries have been stripping us of our wealth for **DECADES**. I would rather pay to hold them accountable with our strong Oregon government's help than be at the whims of industries like this with the current very little regulation.

Some claim that this will tank rural economies, but we like to ignore the fact that rural economies have been failed by these large corporations already.

Everyday people are being co-opted into speaking out against HB 2020 by the very polluting industries poisoning their families health and only looking out for their bottom line and short term economic goals.

In 2017, wildfires caused Oregon to lose \$51.5 million in visitor spending and the US Forest Service is now spending more than half its budget on fighting fires.

Moving forward this bill NEEDS

-Language for a direct citizen oversight committee that makes sure the newly appointed Carbon Office Director is held accountable and has community stakeholders of under representative communities at the table.

-Percentages that reflect the need of disadvantaged communities and where we need to allocated funds. Low income communities have very little ability to converse with legislators, so if these percentages are not outlined, businesses will be the primary groups that have access to these funds. That is not just or community based.

-Outlined programs and policy buffers for rural communities (**CITIZENS**, not businesses) to make sure their burden is not excessive in comparison to city based dwellers.

Thank you members of the committee for all your hard work and dedication. I know you will make the right choice and craft a bill that is strong for all the communities impacted.

Warmly,

A Concerned Oregonian.

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