

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

My name is Elena Goldstein Lake and I live in South Tabor, Portland. It's very important to me that you pass HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill. An independent economic study presented to the legislature in 2019 shows HB 2020 will benefit our 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. **One of the best parts of the bill is that it guarantees 2.2 million metric tons of pollution will be reduced every two years**, this will help the environment and also the personal health of our most vulnerable neighbors.

Last year a new report came out that shows we have 11 years to reduce emissions before our climate fate is sealed. Because of this, I often have a hard time considering bringing kids into our world with so much uncertainty looming towards us due to climate change. Please do everything in your power to protect their future. Passing the Clean Energy Jobs bill this year is an important first step.

Thank you,

Elena Goldstein Lake