

Members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction,

I am a retired biologist and resident of Bend, Oregon. I have been interested in energy generation and energy efficiency since my graduate school years. For decades, I have been watching the warnings of scientist regarding the dangers of fossil fuel use and related climate change being disregarded in favor of corporate profits.

The residents of the state of Oregon need your help. This is the year the Oregon legislature must pass HB2020. It is a well thought-out bill which will rein in greenhouse gas emissions that corporations have been allowed to release into the public air and water of Oregon for free. Corporations that emmit large amounts of carbon gasses at the expense of human health and public resources must be justly required to pay for the damages they are causing.

The fear mongering by the corporations with a vested interest in maintaining high usage of fossil fuels is untenable. In states where cap and trade legislation has been implemented the gas prices have not gone up at the pump and on average the GDP has increased compared to the states not taking steps to reduce carbon emissions.

Unrestricted carbon emission has resulted huge costs to public health and in lost natural resources and climate caused damages. The public is already paying those costs whether they know it or not.

Help Oregon move into a clean energy future. I support the use of HB2020 to create a stronger Oregon economy that is based on

investment in clean energy generation and clean energy jobs  
and a cap on greenhouse emissions.

Thank you,

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