

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

I'm writing to urge you to support the Clean Energy Jobs Bill (HB 2020). As a parent of two young children, I am gravely concerned about their future. Our kids will be the ones to bear the brunt of the decisions we make today and I am advocating for the futures of not just my own children, but all the children of Oregon, the United States, and the world as a whole.

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.

By building clean energy into all parts of our economy, we'll create good-paying jobs, make our businesses more competitive, and position our state to be an economic engine in the 21st century.

I am proud to be an Oregonian, and I am proud of the investments our state has already made in clean and renewable energy. Now it's time to pick up the momentum and pass HB 2020, we can't let this opportunity pass us by!

Sincerely,
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Mother, Oregonian and Optimist

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