

Clean Energy Jobs Hearing Springfield, February 22, 2019  
Springfield City Hall

Members of the Legislature

My name is Karen Fiedler. I live in Eugene.

**Testimony in Support of HB2020**

I believe that HB2020, Clean Energy Jobs Bill, provides a vision and opportunity for the future. We all see the effects of climate change in more droughts, stronger storms, extreme temperatures, and severe wildfires. Clearly the status quo is no longer working.

Now is the time to envision and implement a more sustainable future where polluters pay and new economic opportunities are created, especially for people in rural areas, in communities of color, and low-income families.

I am here for my 2 grandsons ages 10 and 12 who live in Salem. This transition to clean energy will set up a better, sustainable system for them and for all of us: a healthy, cleaner environment; better transportation choices; water, fish, wildlife, and coastal protection and conservation. Under this bill, investments will be made in communities across the state for affordable housing, sustainable agriculture, more renewable energy, new jobs, and small business opportunities.

In other states and provinces with cap and invest programs electricity prices have fallen, emissions have been reduced and economically disadvantaged communities have benefitted. We need to pass this bill and make Oregon a leader and an example of a successful transition to clean energy for all of us and for future generations.

Thank you.