

Honorable Members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction,

I am a resident of Curry County, Oregon, and I am deeply concerned about climate change for several reasons. I believe we have a moral obligation to leave our children and their children a healthy planet. I am concerned about the welfare of us all and fear that we will lose access to clean water and that our farms will suffer from the negative effects of climate change..

I am writing to ask you to please support H.B. 2020! We need our elected officials to take bold action to address climate change. Oregon should help lead the way in meeting this great challenge of our times. Please take action NOW on climate change. Last fall, the world's leading climate scientists in their IPCC report warned that we have only 12 years to lower emissions to avert the gravest consequences of rising temperatures.

I appreciate that our lawmakers have aimed to make this bill both fair and effective. The bill is crafted in a way that will make Oregon's biggest polluters pay. Please do not allow any exemptions for polluting industries.

Make sure that proceeds will be invested only in projects that will effectively reduce carbon emissions and that will help transition Oregon to a stronger clean energy economy.

Make sure that economically depressed rural areas will not be subjected to any extra costs and ensure that a dedicated portion of proceeds will help rural areas adapt to the challenges of climate change.

Please support H.B. 2020.

Sincerely,

Vicki Graham, Port Orford, OR