

Hi,

My name is Amandine Le Roux Hancock (Dina), I am a French immigrant. I moved to Oregon 5 years ago and have been working on climate related issues for 4. While not yet official, I feel like an Oregonian. I am proud of what our state has accomplished since I moved here. We've passed major climate legislation to reduce greenhouse gases and clean up fuel and electricity. However, scientists are clear, we are not doing enough.

I am proud to have you as my elected officials because we're taking climate change seriously with this bill. I have been following the journey of this bill for years and I can say for a fact that your work has been outstanding. I have watch you hearing after hearing meet with skilled scientists, policy specialists, with local, national and foreign politicians who put similar legislation in place telling you this is the way to go. I have seen you meet with an inspiring number of communities around our state, industries, unions, native tribe leaders, youth, farmers, and leaders of front line communities, rural and urban. You welcomed everyone at the table to draft the most perfect and taylor made bill Oregon can have.

This is not a rushed bill.

With only 11 years left to take action, we simply cannot wait for a better bill or leave this job for the next person. We are the next person.

Oregon is not too small to act. Like the Dalai Lama says so well, "if you think you are too small to make a change, you have never spent a night with a mosquito". Let's be the mosquito we desperately need to see in this world.

We keep hearing people afraid of their future if we pass this bill. We keep hearing about rising prices, but what about the price we are

already paying now? What about the millions the sport industry is losing every year because of the drought, what about the health cost because of the increasing wildfires. The list goes on.

After reading climate and clean energy news and reports daily for the past 4 years, I can tell you that we will pay a lot more on utilities and food if we do not pass this as change our way of life.

I am appalled by the amount of people that have been misusing the yellow vest at these local hearings. Members of my family and friends have been on the front line in France every Saturday and they are rising against the tax cut on the wealthy put in place last year, against the reduction of - public transit and social facilities in rural areas, and the increase of taxes on the poor. This bill, HB2020, does exactly the opposite. A similar bill to HB2020 was passed by the right party in France over 10 years ago.

Finally, I want to emphasize the purpose of this Clean Energy Jobs bill. This bill is about managing the future impacts threatening our way of life and anticipating the chaos ahead of us. This bill is the fairest way to deal with the challenges ahead of us. It holds, finally, the biggest polluters in our state accountable, and encourage them to move toward greener ways to do business.

Moreover, it will create jobs. According to an independent study by the BEAR institute, this bill will create more than 50k jobs statewide. Instead of buying out of state fuel, we will harvest the power of the sun, the water and the wind, here, at home. We are lucky, to have examples here, in the United States, and around the world of similar policies put in place. When done right, these policies have helped local economies to thrive, and price of utilities to go down. This is not a feeling, it is a fact.

Change is always scary. When I left my country with nothing but a suitcase, a few bucks and no job in sight, I was as panicked as one can be. It turned out to be the best thing that ever happened to me.

There will always be excuses not to pass such a bill. It is big, it will shape our future. I hear the concerns. But I implore you, don't let big oil's talking points decide of our fate. They have done enough on that ground. Be the bold leaders we need here and everywhere else around this planet.

Help Oregon become the environmental leader it once was. Passing this bill could have a great impact not only on our state but also on many other states and countries looking to follow our footsteps.

As a wise man once said: "with great powers come great responsibilities". Today, you hold the power of the Super Majority. Please use it wisely and pass a strong version of the bill. It only makes sense economically, morally and environmentally.

Merci,

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