

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

My name is Jamie Painter and I live in NE Portland. I ask that you please ignore any typos as I have a plucky toddler bouncing on me as I try and write this. I'm writing in support of HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bills.

In full disclosure, I'm a former lobbyist and was proud to be able to work on this legislation in the past with an amazing and diverse coalition, but today I'm just writing to you as a mom. A mom who is absolutely terrified for the future and the climate catastrophe my young son could inherit.

I remember very vividly visiting Washington DC in 2007 to talk to our members of Congress about the threats of climate change, more severe and increased storms, more severe and longer wildfire seasons, and wildlife in crisis. We are seeing those impacts today-and Scientists agree we only have 11 years to drastically reduce emissions if we want to avoid the most catastrophic impacts of climate change.

But I don't want to focus on the horrors stories of climate change, we've all seen the environmental and economic impacts of climate change here in Oregon, I want to talk about hope, and action and the opportunity for Oregon to be a leader in the nation and reap the financial benefits of transitions from fossil fuels to clean energy in a just way.

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 because it will create more than 50,000 good-paying jobs and the transition to cleaner energy will lower costs for people and businesses.

Members of the committee, I know that many of you, like me have families at home and I want to thank you for the long hours you have spent away from them working on this legislation. HB 2020 is a good bill, that has been in the works for nearly a decade and I urge you to pass it this session.

Sincerely,

Jamie Painter