

Date: March 1, 2019

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

From: Margaret Robinson, NE Portland

Re: Please support HB 2020

I am a resident of NE Portland and am writing to ask you to support HB 2020.

Oregon has the opportunity to join other leading states that have implemented successful cap-and-invest programs. Their experience shows that such programs result in growing economies, falling emissions, stable energy prices, and thousands of jobs created. While large polluters continue to try to scare people away from action with claims of economic disaster, history has shown otherwise.

Clean jobs are growing at 11% -- faster than the state average. By acting now, Oregon will reap rewards -- including clean, renewable energy and thousands of good paying jobs all over the state. Clean jobs include a wide variety of positions: construction workers, engineers, road crews, designers, manufacturing workers, accountants, salespeople, and administrators.

Key to my support for the bill is that it guarantees 2.2 million metric tons of pollution will be reduced every two years. The need is urgent; we cannot wait to reduce emissions significantly or the consequences will be dire!

We are already seeing the results of climate change as evidenced by the extreme fires throughout our state. I was shocked to realize that I now need to consider "fire season" when thinking about organizing a reunion here in Oregon. In 2017, wildfires caused Oregon to lose \$51.5 million in visitor spending!

My husband and I specifically chose to move to Oregon before having children. Among our reasons were wanting our children to live in the beauty of Oregon and living in a state where political leaders were innovative and responsive to the needs of its residents.

Passing the Clean Energy Jobs bill this year is an important first step to ensuring these two reasons remain valid.

Thank you,
Margaret Robinson