

Dear Co-chairs Dembrow and Power and members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction, My name is Lauren Davis and I live in Sisters. It's very important to me that you pass HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill. I'm very concerned about climate change and the negative impacts it is already having on our economy. Smoke from wildfires has become a major concern in our family and community. The last two summers Sisters (where we live) and the Klamath Basin (where our daughter and son-in-law live) have been socked in with toxic levels of smoke for months at a time. In 2017, this caused the cancelation of the Sisters Folk Festival, one of the major economic drivers in our town. Last year, Klamath Falls faced major event cancelations too. In 2017, wildfires caused Oregon to lose \$51.5 million in visitor spending and the US Forest Service is now spending more than half its budget on fighting fires. Our son-in-law is on a Forest Service Hot Shot crew, so our family knows this is not a simple problem to fix but we have to make more of an effort than has gone into it so far.

In Fall of 2017, my husband and I decided to reduce our family's carbon emissions by leasing a Ford Focus EV. It's one of the best decisions we've made! We are sure we won't buy another ICE vehicle in our lifetimes. We bought a Clipper Creek Level 2 charger to install at home thanks to Oregon state tax incentives. We now drive our EV all over Central Oregon as our daily driver. We participate in EV educational gatherings in our community to encourage others to join our ranks. We also applaud COCC for offering classes to train the new generation of EV mechanics. We want our EV to be our only car but currently there are no charging stations that will allow us to travel north, east, or south from Central Oregon. We can go west, but it requires a 2+ hour slow charge in Detroit or MacKenzie Bridge. This seems ridiculous! I hope that one thing HB 2020 will do is help create a robust EV charging network in the state.

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, with the most going to low-income households because it will create thousands of good-paying jobs and the transition to cleaner energy will lower costs for people and businesses. One of the best parts of the bill is that it guarantees 2.2 million metric tons of pollution will be reduced every two years.

I am very concerned that last year a new report came out that shows we have 11 years to reduce emissions before our climate fate is sealed. Passing the Clean Energy Jobs bill this year is an important first step.

Thank you,
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