

To the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction:

I am writing to voice my strong support for the Clean Energy Jobs Bill, HB 2020, and thus I urge the legislature to pass this vital bill.

Truly and undoubtedly, climate change is real. Through decades of inaction, we must now act boldly. We owe it to our children, grandchildren and future generations to take action.

As a business owner, I firmly believe that a cap and trade (or cap and invest) system is one of the smartest ways to reduce carbon emissions, since it uses market forces to determine the best way to reduce those emissions. The true cost of carbon must be factored into business decisions.

I also urge the legislature to dedicate the vast majority of those proceeds into investments in forests and natural lands. The value of this is multiplicative for obvious reasons.

Thank you for your consideration. Please make the right call for the long view.

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