

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

My name is Martha Lussenhop and I have lived in Sisters, Oregon for 13 years.

I am writing in support of the Clean Energy Jobs bill, #2020. To me this bill is not only crucial as a step in bringing back this planet's health, but it makes a lot of sense:

- the cap and invest program will help the state economically with up to 50,000 new living-wage jobs in Oregon
- it will create resources to invest in renewable energy, clean transportation, and healthy forests that will help all Oregonians;
- the transition to cleaner energy will lower costs for people and businesses
- most important, the Clean Energy Jobs bill will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the main cause of climate change

We owe legislation like the Clean Energy Jobs bill to future generations in our state, in our country and all over the world-- children who will otherwise lack clean air to breathe, water to drink, and nutritious foods to eat, things we have taken for granted in our lives.

Many of us have been taking steps since the 1970s to help save the planet with environmentally-sound practices at home and on the road (driving electric cars, for example), but these simple measures are not nearly enough to lower the CO2 amount within 12 years, the small window of time we have to reverse warming temperatures. We need legislation at the state and federal levels. This bill is a huge opportunity to lead the way to such legislation in other states, enough to convince legislators in Congress to pass effective and economically viable laws on the federal level. It's critical as a big step in ensuring basic needs are met in the lives of your children and grandchildren, and to people everywhere.

Thank you for serious consideration and then strong support of Bill #2020.

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