

Dear Joint Committee and my legislators,  
First, thank you for your tireless work trying to get a workable, fair and just bill done for Oregon Climate. I so appreciate your efforts.

Born in Lakeview, I returned to Oregon as an adult to enjoy and support the amazing land and people of our Oregon home. For 30 years I worked as a therapist helping folks in Redmond heal from trauma and loss. Retired to Portland ten years ago, my vocation now is climate activist. As a person of faith, I have been calling to the people to halt fossil fuel use and put a price on pollution in order to preserve this gift of Oregon for the future... in a new and just way.

The large polluters impacted by HB2020 produce the equivalent of 133 train car loads of coal-burning-pollution each year. Maybe they need some consideration in phasing in implementation, but certainly **large polluters must not be excluded, none of them.** Many manufacturers want to locate where a livable future is possible, please don't be scared about loss of manufacturing. California has outperformed Texas in manufacturing since implementing cap and trade. Oregon deserves the economic boom that will come when we have money to invest in new jobs and infrastructure.

We have no time to lose so **current restrictions should not be rolled back.** At best we may have a ghost of a chance with a full court press at this late date. The costs of delay and inaction will be long remembered and while we can heap blame on Corporate Greed, we must not give in to special interests which do not serve the common good. It is shocking that Covanta, incinerating Salem garbage, would be excluded when the myth of clean fossil fuels and "natural" gas are considered from science. You are at key positions to halt the influence of political contributions holding Oregon hostage to corporate interests.

HB 2020 benefits from lessons from other states, but also moves Oregon toward hope for the American Dream for those marginalized and typically left out. The very folks who are most impacted by climate change because of their poverty must have hope for a better future. **Please do not remove the Justice categories from the bill.** Oregon has a terribly history of racism and classism that must be reversed.

However small our state's pollution to the entire earth, Oregon leads and must continue to do all we can for a livable just future. Listen to the ancestors and children calling, please. And thank you for your efforts.

Most Sincerely,  
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"I don't want your hope. I don't want you to be hopeful. I want you to panic...I want you to act as if the house was on fire. Because it is."

- Greta Thunberg (2003- )

