

My name is Lynn Handlin and I have lived in Oregon for over 40 years. My home is in Happy Valley and I am an avid gardener and I volunteer with Johnson Creek Watershed and the MT Tabor Weed Warriors. I have seen the changes in the climate and the impact on the surrounding environment, from wildfires, to drought to milder winters which means more mosquitoes, trees that are struggling, and more. These are manageable problems now, but just a small indicator of what is to come if we do not get serious. We know the science, we know it is imperative to act now so this bill is a good start. HB 2020 will help create good jobs and let small businesses like solar installers and the like thrive. It will make a very good start on the road to a carbon free economy, which will also make for cleaner air and cleaner water. Less asthma. And a hope at a livable planet for our children, our neighbors children, and future generations around the globe, not to mention all the rest of the creatures we share our home with. As a tax professional I see clients with small businesses in the Portland area and some from rural Oregon, the solar contractors are suffering, and they provide good jobs when they are doing well. This bill would give them a boost. Once the economy starts changing in the direction of renewable energy with help from the government, it can then flourish to a point of not needing more support. We need to stop funding fossil fuel industries. NW Natural is trying to scare people by saying they will have to increase rates drastically, this is not true. I notice they have not reduced rates after receiving enormous tax breaks from the latest tax law change. This will make it easier for fossil fuel industries to re-tool to renewable energy. The auto industry once said seat belts were not financially doable. Apparently that was not true.

We can do this, we must for the sake of future generations and the wildlands we all love in Oregon, for the sake of the farmers in rural areas who are struggling because of climate change, for the people in communities hardest hit by pollution, we must pass this law, in the strongest version possible. Do not water it down, make it better.

Thank you

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