

My wife and I have been residents of Oregon since July 2016. We retired from long careers at Weyerhaeuser and my wife at KeyBank. We chose Bend, Oregon as the place we wanted to live.

Several weeks ago, I attend the lobby day in Salem for HB 2020. I met with Senator Tim Knopp and Representative Jack Zika. The meeting with both legislators was informative but led to concerns that they are not supportive of this bill. Their arguments centered mainly around the cost related to the proposed gas price increases and the impacts on farmers and ranchers with the proposed 15 cent price increase.

I also attended the hearings held here in Bend on March 2nd, with the legislative committee who is working on the bill and it's final draft proposal that will be voted on sometime in this legislative session. The majority of the comments against the bill were again related to the proposed gas price increases. The most alarming part of the comments from those opposed to the bill were related to the view that Oregon's impact on climate change will be minimal at best. This concerned me a great deal as Oregon should be taking a lead in supporting and implementing this bill to encourage other states and ultimately, the Federal government to take Climate Change seriously and urgently implement nationwide efforts to being reducing CO2 emissions.

I did come away thinking that some type of phase in of gas price increases for farmers in Oregon could be part of the final bill. This would only apply to farmers, with all other businesses and citizens being subject to the gas price increases.

In summary, I urge the passing of HB 2020 to start Oregon on the path of reducing carbon emissions and joining the efforts to date from other states. We have just had our first grandchild and our concerns about Climate Change are focused more on her life than ours. We have watched as climate change warnings have become more frequent, data supporting climate change becoming more alarming and national efforts by our government negated.

We urge you pass HB 2020 for the future of all Oregonians!

Sincerely,

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