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

As a retiree over 70, I am horrified by the changing climate and its consequences for future generations. This is my deepest concern and the most important issue for my remaining years--to ensure a healthy, livable, and sustainable Earth. I urge you to give the prevention of climate change the utmost priority, starting with passing House Bill 2020 for Clean Energy Jobs.

This bill would implement policies already demonstrated effective in California and 9 other states. The cap and trade provisions reduce greenhouse gases, increase employment, and improve the economy. The bill's measures are essential--we have only 11 years to reduce emissions sufficiently to prevent climate catastrophe.

Yes, that sounds melodramatic. The truth is, we must **act now**. For our families' future, for the future of this incomparable world we live in, I urge you to pass House Bill 2020.

Thank you,  
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