The more I hear from scientists about the impacts of climate change and the urgent need to make changes now, the less I understand why this is even a debate. Why aren't we all angry and frustrated about this? Why has this become a highly politically charged topic? Why should we need to spend so much time and effort doing everything possible to get some of our legislators to take this seriously? When did some of our elected officials stop believing in science? How can they turn a blind eye to the data?

Passing HB2020 will give Oregon the opportunity to be a leader and role model in taking steps to try and address a critical situation. I ask you on behalf of my granddaughter and all future generations to do the right thing and pass HB2020. I realize there are concerns about a gas price increase in this bill and that may be an area to consider an alternate solution for farmers. However, at the end of the day, if we don't make changes now, there will be an economic crisis much larger than a gas price increase.

Thank you, Toni Dudley