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Dear Committee Chairs Dembrow and Power, and members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction:

I write in support of HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill.

I'm old. I remember the Cuyahoga River so polluted that it caught on fire. I saw creeks and streams with two feet of detergent foam floating on top of them. I saw the run-off from the Bunker-Hill mines in Idaho sterilizing hillsides and causing developmental problems in infants and children. And I saw public officials taking steps to reduce and eliminate these dangerous conditions.

Now, living in southern Oregon, I see the early effects of changing climate--with eleven weeks of our normally beautiful summer becoming toxic with forest fire smoke. Eight months later, I am still coughing. Some of my neighbors have moved out of Oregon altogether, and others will no doubt follow in the search for breathable air. Public officials have the opportunity once again to do the right thing. We know that other states have transitioned to cleaner energy successfully--indeed, profitably, for their citizens. It doesn't take courage to have sense; please help Oregon take steps through this legislation to reduce our dependency on the methods we've used in the past, methods that are slowly destroying our ability to live here.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 2020.

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