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

My name is Kim Cavatorta. I live in South Tillamook County and am a retired arts administrator. I am a community and arts activist and am currently serving on the Tillamook County Cultural Coalition.

I am writing you in support of HR 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill.

There are many reasons to support this bill: the benefits to our state economy by creating thousands of new jobs and reducing energy costs; reduction of poisonous pollution; and Oregon becoming a leader in the clean energy revolution in the 21st century.

But, truly, I believe we are at a point in our experience with climate change that something very radical needs to happen right now. Even if the legislation is less than perfect, it is a starting point that can be improved upon once passed. We owe it to our children, grandchildren, and generations to come to leave them a healthy planet inhabited by healthy humans. If we stay on our current course, that is not going to happen.

Please support this critical piece of legislation. The need is urgent and the time is now.

Thank you,

Kim Cavatorta A Concerned Oregonian