

Dear Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction—

I'm writing as a person of faith from my home in Corvallis, Oregon, to express my urgent request that you pass HB2020, of course with protections for rural residents and businesses in central and eastern Oregon (outside the "I-5 corridor").

Where the cap and invest strategy is already being applied (10 states with 25% of the U.S. population), utility rates and gas prices have *not* gone up because of carbon pricing. I am very worried about scare tactics being used by people who oppose the bill, influenced by propaganda from the fossil fuel industries, who can afford to spend millions of dollars to keep us on our current destructive track.

We don't have much time to protect our planet and our beautiful state of Oregon. We owe it to future generations of humans and other forms of life to begin changing our ways immediately to become better steward of the earth. HB 2020 is an important first step.

Thank you for your attention,
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