

March 7, 2019

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Dembrow and Representative Powers,

I am writing in support of HB2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill, which is currently under consideration by your committee, the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction.

This bill is critical for many reasons, not the least of which is addressing urgent action needed for survival of our species as humans on the planet. Already, many species have become extinct, and are becoming extinct because of global climate change. We must act now on behalf of future generations of children and wildlife.

In addition, this bill is a savvy investment in new jobs which will be at the forefront of the global economy, such as wave energy, wind energy, and solar energy. It diversifies the types of jobs available in our economy, and will help the industries which are already here – agriculture, tourism, and healthcare among them – to manage their costs with renewable energy rather than paying higher prices for increasingly scarce resources.

We must act now to join other countries around the world who have signed the Paris Climate Accord to do all we can in a win-win investment in our future – to protect the planet and its inhabitants, and to provide good, clean jobs for Oregonians for years to come.

I urge you to do all that you can to move forward HB2020, and to work for Clean Energy Jobs for Oregonians and our mutual future.

Sincerely yours,
Deb Patterson
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