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

My name is Brent Heller and I live in Eugene. It is very important to me that you pass HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill. An independent economic study presented to the legislature in 2019 shows HB 2020 will benefit our economy. It will add to household income across all tax brackets, with the most going to low-income households because it will create thousands of good-paying jobs and the transition to cleaner energy will lower costs for people and businesses. One of the best parts of the bill is that it guarantees 2.2 million metric tons of pollution will be reduced every two years. It is critical that Oregon leads the way in fighting climate change. The impacts of climate change on our state are enormous. In 2017, wildfires caused Oregon to lose \$51.5 million in visitor spending and the US Forest Service is now spending more than half its budget on fighting fires.

Last year a new report came out that shows we have 11 years to reduce emissions before our climate fate is sealed. What kind of world are we going to leave for our children? I have 3 of them, all students in Eugene, and I fear for their future. They shouldn't have to grow up in fear of climate change and they deserve leaders that address this crisis. Please do everything in your power to protect their future. Passing the Clean Energy Jobs bill this year is an important first step.

Thank you,

Brent Heller, a concerned Oregonian