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Joint Committee on Ways and Means; Natural Resources

Dear Chairs Senator Taylor and Representative Reardon

Do pass HB 2020.

As a 5th generation Oregonian and farmer, I am very aware of the changes bestowed on our great State by out of control greenhouse gas emissions. As a registered Republican, I cannot emphasize how disagreeable to me the R party intransigence to dealing this this challenge is. I know that the R stance is rooted in a closed primary system and I know for sure that many Republican rank and file support aggressive and substantive action on the climate crisis.

I have followed the origins of this bill since 2009 during the Kulongoski governorship and worked very hard on the prior bills in 2015, 16, 17, and 18. It is past due time to take legislative action.

HB 2020 is a beginning, not an end. We will need to evolved policy with ongoing understandings. The argument that we need to prove "everything" before taking action is bogus. The 2020 policy is a step forward, has ongoing flexibility, and we must begin now.

I urge in the strongest manner feasible that all sensible Legislators vote this policy forward in preparation for a House and Senate vote this session.

Thank you for all your hard work for the good of Oregon.

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