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Dear Chair Dembrow, Vice Chair Olsen and Members of the Senate Interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

My name is James Jacobson, I'm a labor & environmental activist and I live in Eugene/ Lane Co. Thank you for your continued work on the critical issue of the climate emergency.

I say it's critically important for Oregon to take climate change seriously by passing the Green Jobs legislation!!

We have one Earth and there is no spare! We must ensure that human, animal, plant & sea life are saved from extinction, including humans!! We must reduce the massive amounts of carbon pumped into the atmosphere, and quickly phase-out all coal, oil & other fossil fuels extraction! We know that our west coast is steadily becoming warmer and seriously acidic!!

The Green Energy & Jobs measure means increased economic opportunities, thousands of jobs, and development of clean energy sources!

Here's how, YOU in the Legislature can work to improve this legislation:

We need improvements to the transportation portion of the bill so all oil companies pay their fair share no matter where they're located. Oil companies are the largest source of pollution in our state and we cannot let them off the hook.

Sadly, as written, this bill would PAY fossil fuel polluters to continue business as usual. We clearly CANNOT AFFORD business as usual. We MUST NOT allow legislation to move forward which is climate action in name only, while it fails to hold large polluters accountable!!

This bill needs a guarantee of investments in communities hardest hit by the climate crisis -- rural, low-income, Tribes, and communities of color. While there are aspirations to prioritize those communities in the current version, Oregonians deserve a guarantee.

This legislation is absolutely a priority to be improved and approved and you will be doing a huge service to current and future generations. Think about that and the vital responsibility you have!

Please exemplify strong support changes to this bill and support the passage of bold climate action in 2020. This

issue is too important for us to turn our backs while our forests burn, our fish die, and water runs out in parts of our state. We can't wait any longer.)

Yours sincerely,

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