

**From:** [Jim Powers](#)  
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**Subject:** My support for LC 19 – now in front of the Senate Interim Committee On Environment and Natural Resources  
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Dear Senators:

I support cap, price, and invest for Oregon.

I'm a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Oregonian and believe that the climate & ecosystem crisis is upon us and needs to be addressed **immediately** here in Oregon.

Oregon's oceans are becoming more acidic, wildfires are growing more frequent and massive, and many of our traditional jobs and occupations are at risk due to the changes in our unique Oregon ecosystem. LC 19 has many of the characteristics of the legislation we need to begin to effectively combat climate change, but **it still needs strengthening**. I request the following improvements in LC 19:

- We need stricter and more transparent regulations on large Natural Gas users. This greenhouse gas is NO “clean” and has a very high carbon pollution rate from cradle to grave.
- We need transportation in rural Oregon to be included in the bill with a fixed start date, at least by 2030.
- We need clearer, more declarative language to support impacted communities.
- We need a bill that establishes a **declining cap on all GHGs**. I would prefer that we get to net 0 in 20 years.
- It should make **all polluters** pay and incentivize **all industries** in a transition to a clean energy economy.

In summary, I **support strong climate change legislation** and it must get done in 2020. This will make me proud to be an Oregonian, leading the country in smart, brave legislation.

Sincerely,

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