

From: [Nancy Mills](#)
To: [SENR Exhibits](#)
Subject: LC 19 - Testimony in favor of strong climate action
Date: Sunday, January 19, 2020 8:11:24 AM

Please consider this testimony in favor of strong climate action in 2020.

The fires in Australia are just one example of the climate crisis. We are already late to the party in terms of effective climate action which makes the legislation in this area particularly crucial

The current bill is a good framework and I appreciate the compromises made but it isn't strong enough. Legislative Concept 19 is currently too weak to meet the state's goals for reducing harmful pollution and provides too many giveaways to the fossil fuel industry allowing these corporations to continue polluting as usual, harming our health and the climate. Ultimately, this proposal is too weak to meet the demands of the climate crisis.

LC 19 needs to be stronger to reduce fossil fuel and natural gas pollution. It also needs give greater encouragement to investments for the clean economy. It needs to be stronger to reduce greenhouse gases from oil companies all across the state. And investments into communities most affected by climate change -- rural, low-income, Tribes and communities of color -- need to be guaranteed.

Rural Oregon needs strong climate action. They are on the front lines of climate change. From ranchers in Union County to tree farmers from Clackamas County to farmworkers in the Willamette Valley, there are strong voices from rural Oregon calling for action and their voices shouldn't be ignored.

Oregon's most vulnerable populations need strong climate action. People in poverty have the most to lose under climate change natural disasters and have fewer resources to bounce back.

Oregon's youth need strong climate action. They need leaders to pass strong climate legislation that will protect the air they breathe, the water they drink, and the soil that grows the food they eat. That's why Oregon's youth have been taking to the streets in record numbers in all parts of the state. They are calling for leaders to pass strong policies that will give them a future free from devastating climate disasters and collapsed economies.

Please build upon the work you have started with LC 19 by making the bill stronger and pass bold climate legislation in 2020.

--

Nancy Mills, Ph. D.
Emeritus, Department of Chemistry
Trinity University
now in Eugene, Oregon with the same email address