

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

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RE: Comments on LC 19

Thank you for your continuing work on the critical issue of climate change. As a father of two and a grandfather of 4, I am very concerned about the future which they will face due to rising concentrations of greenhouse gasses in our atmosphere.

I am very disappointed that HB 2020 did not pass in June 2019, but am heartened that you are working on LC 19. However, I strongly urge you to strengthen LC 19 as follows to make it possible to meet our carbon emission reduction goals by 2035:

- All petroleum fuels used in Oregon must be included in the cap and at the same time. The proposed phase-in over time for different parts of the State is impractical and will delay achievement of our carbon emission reduction goals.
- Large natural gas users must be included in the cap. We cannot continue to allow them to pollute free of charge, just as we do not allow dumping of garbage in our streets.
- There must be a guarantee of investments in communities hardest hit by the climate crisis. This includes rural and low-income areas, Tribes, and communities of color.

2019 was the second hottest year in human history. The issue of climate change is too important for us to ignore while our forests burn, our fish die, and water runs out in parts of our state. Please continue to work in good faith to make 2020 the year to complete this unfinished business.