

Testimony re: LC-19  
Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
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I urge you pass LC 19 relating to carbon emissions cap-and-trade. Addressing climate change has become urgent, if not an emergency; failure would act would be delinquent. This bill is the culmination of several years work on the issue. The bill may not be perfect – it may not go far enough for some, and it may not address every issue perfectly. But it is a good bill, and it is better to pass something now and modify it as we go along than not to pass it at all and wait for the perfect to come along.

For Democrats: The bill has been watered down from last session, but it is still good enough to pass as is. However, if the compromise does not draw any Republican support, you might consider re-strengthening some of the provisions. In any event, I do believe an exemption for agriculture (and perhaps forestry) are warranted.

For Republicans: The bill has made significant concessions and addresses many of your concerns. Are you willing, in light of the overwhelming evidence, to finally accept the reality and urgency of climate change? And, in the name of democracy, are you willing to accept a compromise?

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