Hello,

I am very concerned that HB2020 is too weak to meet the serious challenges we are facing in relation to climate change. There are far too many free allowances in the current bill. The real goal is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and this will be difficult to accomplish with the excessive free allowances in the current bill. My sense is free allowances are meant to allow companies some time to make adjustments in order to significantly decrease greenhouse gases. All carbon allowances should decline to zero after 5 years.

Simply put: more allowances = more greenhouse gases in our environment

Significant amendments need to be made to this bill to ensure its effectiveness. We need a bill that will ensure the cap declines sharply to zero by 2050. Companies need real motivation to make the changes that have to be made.

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