

To: Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction
From: Laurie Dougherty
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Re: HB 2020

Co-Chairs Dembrow and Power and members of the Committee:

My name is Laurie Dougherty. I live here in Salem. I have studied and read about climate change science and policy for well over two decades. What I learned motivated me to become a climate justice activist before and after I moved to Oregon in 2011. I am a founding member of 350 Salem OR, the local chapter of international climate action organization.

Because I live here in Salem, I have attended many of the hearings, work sessions and work group meetings during and between legislative sessions as this bill has developed. I know how much effort, above and beyond regular legislative attention has gone into HB 2020. The crisis we are facing from climate change warrants this thorough attention and I deeply appreciate it.

It is admirable to bring as many perspectives as possible to the table. Bipartisan support for HB 2020 would be welcome. But what is most needed now is the courage to ensure that HB 2020 is strong, effective and capable of reducing Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions to the extent required by the climate crisis. And the courage to invest in Oregon's people and communities so that Tribes, communities of color, rural communities, and low income residents share in the benefits and are not unfairly burdened by the costs of taking action on climate.