

Dear Legislators:

I urge you to support HB2020 the cap and invest bill in front of the Oregon Legislature. It is time that Oregon takes this step to do our part to combat climate change. Why do this now?

Climate change is a threat to the Oregon way of life. From wine growers to the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, to those utilities that count on snow pack to provide hydro power, our state is dependent on a tradition and steady climate. People around the world are working on this issue so it makes sense for us to do our part.

The bill will create thousands of jobs like the construction jobs that will be available because of PGE's announced new wind power/solar power/storage project. Thousands of Oregon families will benefit. Our air and water will be cleaner as we switch to clean energy.

I know there are nay-sayers, but they have been urgent with the same messages every year, starting with 2007 when the legislature passed the initial renewable energy standard. And their catastrophic predictions have never been true. Oregon has thrived with a clean energy economy and will continue to thrive.

All the best,
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