

Co-chairs Dembrow and Power and Members of the Committee,

My name is Mary Jo Wade. I am an owner of Oak Pond LLC a mixed crop and livestock farm in Noti, Oregon.

I'm writing to ask you to support HB 2020, also known as the Clean Energy Jobs bill. We must act, Now!

Over the last couple of years my husband and I have become grandparents. Being a grandparent has given me a new perspective on the future. Yes, I want a financially stable farm for my grandkids future but its more important, and not mutually exclusive, to have a livable world. When I look at a newborn grandchild I see how tiny they are and I see their vulnerability and total dependence on us and society to make the right choices for their future. We've waited long enough we have to start taking action to ensure a livable Oregon for future generations. We must act now and make the right choices.

This bill is not perfect but perfect is impossible. H.B. 2020 is an excellent start on a difficult journey. The wrong choice is to do nothing or to water this bill down until its politically acceptable to all parties. We all have to change. The price of fossil fuel is going to go up no matter what we do. We must create the push to invest in clean fuels. The right choice is action now for strong, effective climate policy.

Thank you for the consideration and for your service.

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