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Co-chairs Dembrow and Power and Members of the Committee

My name is Pat Krikorian. I am writing on behalf of myself as a retiree residing here in the state of Oregon.

I am strongly **opposed** to HB 2020. This bill if passed will impose a financial hardship on me. As a single, retired, female school teacher, I am on a fixed income. I am already forced to seek part time employment to supplement my income. Instead of the retirement that I had worked so hard and saved for, I shall have to restrict my enjoyment of my remaining years.

The immediate results of a 15 to 16 cent increase per gallon of gasoline will make Oregon have the third highest gas price in America. In addition, there would be significant and lasting impacts of up to 50% in the cost of natural gas. Independent studies show that food, utilities and gas prices would increase up to \$1,500 per family.

I don't understand why you would impose such punitive financial burden on the residents of this state unnecessarily. This is neither moral and ethical. Oregon contributes less than one-twentieth of one percent of emissions in the world. Oregon is in the top 5 states in the country with clean emissions. This is probably due to prior legislation in which low carbon fuel standards continues to reduce emissions. Even Dr. Philip Mote, Director of Oregon Climate Change Research institute and Oregon State University climate scientist has said that the results of this bill on the global climate would be "imperceptible". This is also supported by Richard Whitman, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Director, who stated that Oregon's portion of global carbon emissions is "minuscule".

The role of government is to protect its citizens not impoverish them.

Thank you for your time,

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