

TO: Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction

RE: HB 2020

Dear Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction,

I have lived in Oregon for over 35 years and raised my two daughters here. I am retired from Intel Corporation where I held many leadership positions including General Manager, Developer Relations Division. As GM I managed over 350 software developers with more than 50% residing outside the USA. I am currently the Vice-Chair of the Washington County Republican Party and President of the Beaverton-Hillsboro Republican Women.

I am writing today to ask you to oppose HB 2020.

As drafted HB 2020 will increase my food, utilities and gas prices as much as \$1,500 per family. This is a huge increase to ask retirees like me to absorb. I faithfully shop at the local farmers markets and buy local products in the stores. I do this even though I pay more for these goods because I love Oregon and want to support our local businesses. The burden this bill puts on local manufacturers, farmers and ranchers will substantially increase their production costs and taxes, which means they will need to raise their prices. These increases will price local goods out of my budget. This is especially true since my gasoline prices are estimated to increase .15 cents per gallon and my utility rates are estimated to increase 11% with future increases every year. Without local support, local businesses will fail or move out of state.

I understand that there is a desire to act on climate change, to do our part. But the burden you are asking Oregonians to bear is NOT FAIR. Oregon emitted about 65 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents in 2017, which accounts for less than two-tenths of one percent of global emissions. Even if Oregon reduced its carbon emissions to zero, we would have no impact on global climate change. Taking climate change seriously should **not** require substantial reduction in the self-sufficiency wage for Oregonians and irreparable damage to local businesses.

I strongly urge you to vote AGAINST HB 2020: it is unjust.

Sincerely,

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