

To whom it may concern,

If enacted, HB2020 will result in an increase in carbon emissions in the cement industry. I am sure this is not the only industry where this will occur. According to Richard Whitman, Director of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon's portion of global carbon emissions is -quote- "I'll use the word 'miniscule'". This policy is clearly designed to mollify a constituency, not solve a problem. In fact, it appears to be a solution in search of a problem. (This may be a bit counterproductive).

U.S. produced cement, due to current environmental regulation, is among the least CO2-intensive cement. This proposed policy will force the closure of the Durkee plant. The demand for cement will not change, but where cement comes from will, mostly from China. Environmental laws are much more lax in China, and the power used to produce this replacement cement will be supplied by burning coal.

These well-paying jobs will go away, to China, or elsewhere. Another Oregon County will become more impoverished, based on policy made 300 miles away. This policy will drive up everyone's fuel costs, in a region where mass transportation is not an option. Salem's income tax revenue will be reduced, at the same time demand for services will increase, due to lower employment.

Ash Grove Cement is invested in the region, donating over \$257,000 last year. With a \$13 million dollar payroll, \$726,000 is paid in payroll taxes. This will all disappear, and increase the burden on money from Salem's budget.

Your policy will have the opposite effect intended, Eastern Oregon jobs will be lost, Eastern Oregon population will become smaller, and more dependent on the cold smothering arms of the state. If that's your intent, please just say it out loud.

Thank you for taking my input into consideration.

Sincerely,

Steven Gentry