

Honorable Members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction:

I am a 40+ year resident of Curry County who owns 160 acres of forest land east of Gold Beach. My first thirty years here, we had two major forest fires nearby. Now it is almost an annual event; it's hard to breathe; I have to try to figure out what to do with the animals and how and when to evacuate. There isn't a straight road from my place to town so if I don't leave very early, which no one wants to do, I have to face the reality of having to drive closer to the fire in the hopes that I can get out. This is a direct result of climate change and its impact on forest lands in Oregon.

I am writing to you to urge you to support HB 2020.

I know it isn't perfect but we are past the point of being able to take no action until we find the action that pleases everyone.

I understand that my representative David Brock Smith has come out against this bill. I was sorry to hear it. He does not represent me and my friends on this issue.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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