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Hello members of the committee. My name is Joel Smart and I am employed by the Murphy Company. I live in Veneta and I vote.

I am here to testify today in opposition of HB 2020 because of the negative impact it will have on my family and my job.

In the role of purchasing manger for Murphy's six facilities throughout Oregon and Washington, I see on a day-to-day basis what it takes to make a company run. A cap and trade law will penalize companies that make things in Oregon.

Higher utility and transportation fuel costs will result in fewer jobs and make it more difficult to compete on a national level. These factors will also increase the prices of products or services we purchase from hundreds of local suppliers. All these factors will lead to higher production costs.

Our forest products are shipped throughout the United States and to the southern hemisphere. With these higher costs, we will lose our ability to compete on a national and global scale.

Jobs in our communities will disappear as components or completed products will shift production to states with lower emission standards and lower operating costs. State lines do not contain the atmosphere and climate.

There is a better way! Stop considering this bill and find alternatives without massive, negative impacts on Oregonian jobs. Find a way to keep future fossil fuels in the ground?

Ontario, Canada has tried cap and trade. They just repelled their law. See link below.

Thank you.

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