

February 22, 2019

"WE DO NOT CONSENT TO THE OREGON 2019 HB2020:

To: Co-chairs Dembrow and Power and Members of the Committee,

Our names are Ray M. Johnson, Dola Johnson and Heather Johnson. We are members of EM Design, LLC.

EM Design, LLC is an engineering and manufacturing company based in Shady Cove, OR. We design and manufacture our, patented, high power waveguide components. These devices are principally used in cancer therapy systems, as well as radiation sterilization and radar applications.

EM Design, LLC "escaped" from California over 35 years ago and settled in Jackson County, Oregon. Our reasons for doing so involved property availability, space to breath and a minimum of government intrusion! Oregon State government was, as we saw it, balanced between the two major parties.

In this move, we had zero assistance from local or state government. We expected none or asked for none!

In the intervening years, EM Design struggled and grew. Today, we like to joke that "We are an overnight success." We expected, as seasoned citizens, that "It's up to us and that is how it should be."

Over time, Oregon State government has morphed into the encroaching, one-sided monster it is today. HR2020 Bill is a prime example of this.

When, in our lifetimes, would we imagine that a state government would, knowingly, financially harm citizens, businesses, companies and utilities without due proof and cause? This is what state legislators, in concert with the governor, are doing.

The HB2020, if passed, will harm EM Design, LLC and our employees. Taxes extracted in the form of increased energy penalties will decrease our ability to innovate on present products and generate new ones. It will make it harder to increase wages and hire new employees! It will increase travel costs. This overall harm is true for all businesses throughout the state.

We should note that Oregon is alone, at this time, with such a "carbon fine" bill.

Other companies, small to large, may find it advantageous to move out of Oregon.

EM Design's customer base is completely outside of Oregon. A more business friendly state lying to the east is beckoning.

Regards,

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