

Chairs Dembrow and Power, and members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction,
I am writing to express my strong support for the most expedient passage of the strongest HB2020 possible. I am writing as a constituent who has spent many years working professionally directly on climate change and now, indirectly, on climate change through my work to encourage the use of active transportation. I write also as a mother who is gravely concerned for the future that we're leaving for my eight-year-old daughter and her peers.

I don't need to reiterate the various ways in which we are facing environmental catastrophe if we choose not to act, as you heard it repeatedly in the testimony yesterday at Springfield City Hall; are well aware of the alarm sounded in the recent IPCC's report; and like me, have been seeing the changes in our beautiful state with hotter drier summers, increased forest fires and more.

I simply ask that you all stand on the right side of history by not delaying any further to create the perfect bill and rather act now on this bill which is "good enough" and make improvements as we go. Listen to our communities of color when they ask that the waste incinerators and other point polluters in their communities not be given exemptions. Listen to those of us saying we are willing to pay so that our children can have a chance at a decent future. It's true that the shift to clean energy jobs will have a greater impact on some than others, but the change is going to happen and HB2020 can do much to ease the pain with the Just Transition Fund.

No, Oregon's actions alone will not change the fate of the world. However, our actions in tandem with those of the RGGI states, California and the other states and countries that follow our lead can literally change the future.

Thank you for your time considering this life and death matter and for your bold action supporting HB2020.

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