

Co-chairs and members of the committee, my name is Robin Lacy and I work for Murphy Veneer in White City Oregon.

I live in Trail Oregon in the rural area known as Elk Creek. I am also a small business owner of a small restaurant in Shady Cove Oregon named Phil's Frosty that has been an Upper Rogue Landmark for over 50 years.

If HB 2020 passes, the price of fuel would increase at least 16 cents per gallon. According to AAA, this would give Oregon the third-highest gas prices in America.

Independent studies show that annual household expenses including food, utilities and gas prices would increase up to \$1,500 - \$5,000 per family per year.

I drive to work in White City. I also rely on deliveries to run my small business. It is difficult enough to stay in business with the annual increase in the minimum wage. To see a potential for more escalating business costs is troubling. I rely on tourism and those that drive to our small community to enjoy the outdoors. If disposable income for families were to go down, our business would suffer.

I also want to address carbon output and forest management. The air quality in our community is unacceptable during the fire season and is not something HB 2020 is going to fix. It is from politicians and bureaucrats supporting our current fire management that lets wildfires burn during the hottest months of the year.

My home was nearly destroyed twice in the last 16 years by fires that could have been put out early when they were small. Instead, both times it was unmanned for days until it grew into a mega-fire that emitted many tons of Green House Gasses and destroyed homes, private forest lands, BLM and USFS forests. Instead of supporting this bill, I ask you to support and find forest practices conducive to halting mega-fires.

If this bill passes, my job, my small business, and my way of life is in jeopardy. We cannot afford the higher gas prices, higher utility bills, and further job losses in our communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to address this issue.

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