

To the Joint Committee on Carbon
Reduction,
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Being well aware of the implications and impact of "House Bill 2020" to the jobs and the community in Baker County has compelled me to comment on such a devastating devised plan to reduce green house emissions. The importance of jobs and family livelihood in a community and county already affected from the depletion of forest product jobs needs to be strongly considered when addressing "House Bill 2020". Quality jobs supporting families in Baker County are few and far, and while considering the possibility of removing Ash Grove Cement's (CRH Company) ability to compete in the cement industry would highly impact this county and surrounding communities. Removal of companies striving to comply to every legislature issue is not the answer to resolving carbon reduction. Being an employee of this company for the past 41 years and nearing retirement, does not make me unconcerned in the least bit for fellow employees and their families who are building their lives for the future through this company. My family has been built and supported by this company, and has enabled me to live in and be a part of this great Eastern Oregon community. Ash Grove Cement has always gone a step above and beyond to ensure that environmental issues and concerns have been met and exceeded in the past, while investing in costly inhibitive equipment to continue operations. We employee's take great pride in working for Ash Grove Cement, which is committed to manufacturing a quality and local product, and who's interest are also in supporting community programs and recipients. How far is too far? Will legislature impose a tax on people for breathing? Be the public servants that you are called and voted to be. Listen to the voice of the Ash Grove employee's, and take into strong consideration those whose livelihoods exist solely on the operations of this cement facility. Seriously examine the possible repercussions from this policy and work towards modifying or rejecting "House Bill 2020".

Respectfully Your's, Bryan Pintok