My Name is William Worman and I am the union environmental representative at the Georgia-Pacific containerboard mill in Toledo, Oregon. I have worked at the mill and have been a member of Local 13 of the Association of Western Pulp and Paper Workers since 1997. I'm also a member of the Pulp and Paper Workers Resource Council.

The GP mill in Toledo has been in operation since 1958, pays a family wage to 380 employees and is Lincoln County's leading property taxpayer. Our containerboard is used to make packaging containers for all kinds of consumer products, such as fresh fruit and vegetables, appliances and many other goods.

I'm proud that my company values our environment, our community and our health. The Toledo mill is an energy-efficient green facility that utilizes the best available control technologies. Our power is generated from hydro, biomass and natural gas.

To encourage economic stability, it's vital for businesses to operate in a fair and predictable regulatory environment. A cap-and-trade program would do just the opposite by driving employers out of state to seek less burdensome and more predictable regulatory conditions elsewhere.

In Oregon, generally speaking, fiber supply and energy costs are higher than in other states that have pulp and paper mills. Production can shift internally from mill to mill across the U.S. Therefore, if a mill in Oregon decreases its production due to burdensome regulations, another mill outside of Oregon that faces fewer such regulations will pick up the work.

One of the Toledo mill's few competitive advantages is our pulp mill. However, any increased costs placed on us in the form of cap and trade will put us at a competitive disadvantage to mills in other states.

House Bill 2020 puts Oregon mills at a competitive disadvantage. Please oppose cap and trade and vote for Oregon jobs. Thank you for your consideration.