

I'm writing because I know, like me, you are concerned with Oregon's future. I am a mother, educator, and small woodlands owner. I have been reading and educating myself about the very real climate crisis for the last 15 years. I know the impacts are being felt sooner than originally predicted. Our swinging climate will only intensify unless we do something about it- today!

Personally we have seen massive die off of Doug fir on our property and in our neighborhood. That's Doug fir, our state tree which evolved to be suited to Oregon's climate. My own children and many other young people are saying they do not want to have children because the future looms so threateningly. We cannot wait for the federal government to take action! We need local leaders who will support and maintain the integrity of hb2020! We need hope that we are working towards solutions!

We are already losing millions annually in tourism revenue and more millions fighting forest fires! HB2020 is an economic stimulus deal of the highest order! I have researched Iceland's increased standard of living and economic independence since they have electrified their nation. (They have concentrated on geothermal and hydro electric sources of power.) They have prospered since they broke free of fossil fuels! Think: \$2 billion leave Oregon annually to pay for fossil fuels. Imagine the possibilities we'd have if we kept that money local! Besides solar and wind, we could further develop geothermal and OSU has done extensive research on wave energy!

The only way towards a sane future is through a commitment to limit carbon emissions! By capping and investing, we put Oregon on the right path, and **like Germany, our goal should be zero emissions by 2030**. I am begging you not to back pedal on this. We pay for our garbage pick up, and carbon polluters should have to pay for theirs too! Our motto should be to keep it (fossil fuels) in the ground! This means we cannot allow projects like Jordan Cove to go through. No exemptions, no free allowances. Offsets should be minimized; moving the carbon elsewhere stills adds to carbon in the atmosphere!

Now is the time for our leaders to lead with their strong support for HB2020!!

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