

HB 2020 TESTIMONY

HONORABLE CO-CHAIRS DEMBROW AND POWER, AND MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON CARBON REDUCTION:

MY NAME IS SUZANNE BUTTERFIELD. I AM A RESIDENT OF BEND, OREGON. **I AM HERE TO URGE YOU TO PASS THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE VERSION OF HOUSE BILL 2020, THE CLEAN ENERGY JOBS BILL.**

I AM A LIFE LONG VOTER, RETIRED FROM A LONG CAREER IN WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, A MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER AND CLIMATE ACTION VOLUNTEER. I AM HERE BECAUSE MY GENERATION IS IN THE PROCESS OF FAILING FUTURE GENERATIONS IF WE DO NOT ACT QUICKLY TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS SIGNIFICANTLY AND KEEP GLOBAL TEMPERATURES FROM INCREASING ANOTHER 1.5 DEGREES CELCIUS.

I ASK YOU TO PASS A STRONG BILL WITH A MEANINGFUL CAP TO REDUCE EMISSIONS AS QUICKLY AS SCIENTISTS SAY WE MUST. THE LEGISLATION SHOULD INCLUDE TARGETS TO REDUCE GHG EMISSIONS BY 20% BY 2025, AT LEAST 55% BY 2035 AND 100% BY 2050.

AN INDEPENDENT ECONOMIC STUDY PRESENTED TO THE LEGISLATURE IN 2019 SHOWS HB 2020 WILL BENEFIT OUR ECONOMY. IT WILL ADD TO HOUSEHOLD INCOME ACROSS ALL TAX BRACKETS, WITH THE MOST GOING TO LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS BECAUSE IT WILL CREATE THOUSANDS OF GOOD-PAYING JOBS AND THE TRANSITION TO CLEANER ENERGY WIL LOWER COSTS FOR PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES.

I HOPE THERE IS STRONG AND TRANSPARENT OVERSIGHT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACT ONCE PASSED, TO ENSURE THE PRECIOUS DOLLARS GENERATED, ARE INVESTED WISELY.

I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE MENTAL AND PYHYSICAL HEALTH OF OREGONIANS AS IT RELATES TO A FOSSIL FUEL DAMAGED, CHANGING CLIMATE. HUGE WILDFIRES, LONG LASTING DROUGHTS, AND IRREPARABLE DAMAGE TO THE OCEANS ARE NOT WHAT OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN DESERVE. JUST AS SOCIAL SECURITY IS A SOCIAL COMPACT BETWEEN GENERATIONS IN THE U.S., SO TOO MUST BE A LIVEABLE PLANET. THIS IS A FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE OF ETHICS. IT IS TIME TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND VOTE FOR A STRONG HB 2020.

THANKYOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE TESTIMONY.

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