

Dear Co-chairs Dembrow and Power and members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction,

My name is *Greg Brooks-English* and I live in *Seoul, South Korea*. It's very important to me that you pass HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill. You may ask why someone living in South Korea is writing to you today. Well, I was born and raised as a 2nd generation Oregonian, and have lived and worked at the #3-ranked liberal arts university in the nation, Yonsei University. Here I am helping to decarbonize not only our university campus, but all campuses nationwide. All of us need to take strong personal action to reduce carbon emissions to keep us <1.5C warming.

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 will lower costs for people and businesses. One of the best parts of the bill is that it guarantees 2.2 million metric tons of pollution will be reduced every two years, this will help the environment and my personal health because I have asthma. Last summer, I wasn't able to go outside during the extreme smoke caused by wildfires that are worsened by climate change. In 2017, wildfires caused Oregon to lose \$51.5 million in visitor spending and the US Forest Service is now spending more than half its budget on fighting fires.

Last year the IPCC issue a dire report that shows we have today only 11 years to reduce emissions before our climate fate is sealed. My son Noah was born in 2008 and is now nine years old, and he will be only 42 in 2050. What kind of world will he inherit? A dystopia? Not on my watch. The physics of climate does not negotiate. My child shouldn't have to grow up in fear of climate change and deserves leaders that address this crisis. Please do everything in your power to protect their future. Passing the Clean Energy Jobs bill this year is an important first step.

Thank you,

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