

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

My name is Angelique Orman and I am a small business owner in Eugene, Oregon. I am writing in support of HB 2020, the clean energy jobs bill.

HB 2020 would positively effect both my business and my quality of life here in Oregon. I honestly believe it is the most important bill currently up for consideration. We are incredibly fortunate to live in the most beautiful state in the United States and that is the reason that people wish to visit and move here. In my business as a realtor, I work with many relocations from out of state and overseas. These people translate into dollars entering our economy.

With climate change raising temperatures and catastrophic weather patterns increasing, soon the rest of the country will be looking to Oregon as a safe, sane, clean place to raise their children. Unfortunately rampant fires during the summer are already effecting us, the last two years have been almost unbearable. We know absolutely that conditions will continue to get worse if we do not act to reduce emissions. Scientists agree that we are rapidly reaching the point of no return, we have precious little time to turn this around.

There is a deceptive myth that pits environmentalism against job creation. HB 2020 disproves that fallacy and can create 50,000 good paying jobs while reducing pollution. These jobs will help all of our communities and make Oregon an even better place to live.

**In a time when school children must beg Senators and sue the government for a habitable planet, rather than riding their bikes and playing with toys, it becomes very clear that we must look at the long term picture on climate change. What is the legacy that we will leave future generations? I certainly hope that it will include breathable air and drinkable water rather than a post-apocalyptic nightmare.**

Please, for the sake of this beautiful state, all future generations and the world in general, make the right decision on HB 2020. Allow Oregon to be known as the leader in the clean energy economy.

Sincerely,

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