

To Whom This May concern:

Just wanted to weigh in on HB2020. We have family in Western Oregon, and so have opportunity to compare the differences here in Eastern Oregon. When flying in or out of Portland, the poor air quality is instantly noticeable. When driving on the I-5 corridor, we are always amazed at the number of vehicles on the road, most with one occupant. Yes, carbon emissions need to be addressed, but we do not understand why the entire state is targeted. Our population alone says we cannot be contributing the majority of carbon emissions. Yet, one solution for all seems to be the way HB2020 is written. As a concession, perhaps credits given could be mitigated by the pollution factor in the area where the business is located.

Truly, rural areas do not need another box to check while struggling to help our local economies. We simply cannot compete with Idaho; numerous companies look at Malheur County, then go across the border, due to state restrictions. More recently, folks who move here are looking for legal access to pot and more free social services. For a turnaround, we need profitable businesses, jobs, and housing for working families.

We, who live in Eastern Oregon, already give up many amenities, access, and opportunities that are taken for granted in the greater Portland area. Our resources are so limited, yet we are required to shoulder equal burdens, for example, with the cost of our recent new water treatment for arsenic levels. This is especially glaring, given our limited voice in the legislative process.

Thank you, Faith Adams , 118 N. 5th St. Nyssa, OR