

Chairs , Co Chairs, and members of the committee  
My name is Carolyn Partridge and I live in Eugene.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak about HB 2020. I have been following it's progress for 4 years and I appreciate all the time and effort and frustration that has gone into crafting this bill.

I am here because of my conscience. As a mother and former teacher I internalized the responsibility that comes with that very sacred trust. Always act in the best interests of the children. We are now in a time when the future of all life on the planet is in serious peril. *We are the adults in the room. This is happening on our watch and if we fail to do anything about it we have basically committed a crime against humanity.*

Climate change is an unprecedented emergency which requires every solution we can muster. This bill is one of those solutions and it needs to be as strong as possible. According to the IPCC we only have 12 years to halt rising temperatures. It's good that this year's bill includes an interim goal to keep us on track. This provision should be protected against attempts to weaken or eliminate it.\*

A price on carbon means a price on carbon. It means we're going to pay extra for the right to pollute. Since none of us like higher prices, it's important that this bill is as fair as possible. For example, I don't think the semi-conductor industry should get better treatment than the farming sector.\*\*

Lastly, there should be no last minute insertions to benefit the proposed Jordan Cove Energy Project which, if approved, would be the biggest polluter in Oregon. That would be shooting our carbon goals in the foot and I don't think any of us want to do that.

Please pass the strongest possible bill.

\*IPCC goal is stronger than ours — net zero emissions by 2050.

\*\*Farmers are an impacted group. I would like to see some of the revenue generated from this bill go to assist them with decarbonizing farm vehicles. How about assistance to produce or purchase biodiesel which uses only 20% new carbon according to BioSequential?

Electrification of trucks is in it's early stages. How about assistance to transition to electrified tractors as well? How about a plant in Eastern Oregon that manufactures electric tractors?

The semi-conductor industry emits the most potent greenhouse gasses. The book *Drawdown calls the capture and destruction of HFCs the number one solution in terms of bang for buck.* If I understand Section 10 correctly semi-conductor industries are excluded for 5 years. I think they should be given allowances for 5 years instead of being excluded. This reminds them every year that they are polluting for free.

Editorial comment: It is a tragedy that carbon emissions are not being dealt with by our federal government. It would greatly reduce the trade exposed problem and the complications of assessing carbon emissions across state lines. Thank you for soldiering on and doing the right thing. It makes me proud to be an Oregonian.

Co-chairs and members of the committee, my name is Kris York and I am the mill manager for Murphy Company's hardwood plywood mill in Eugene, OR.

I am here to testify today in opposition of HB 2020 because of the impact it will have on the jobs our business supports. Cap and Trade is going to be devastating to the rural communities.

Our biggest business competitor is similar products made in China. If Cap and Trade passes, Oregon will be at a major disadvantage to plants located elsewhere. Costs will be too high. Oregon will be transferring its environmental responsibility to other regions and the net emissions will be the same.

Producing Oregon-grown and manufactured products is the best method to have an impact on Green House Gas Emissions. Forcing business overseas, or to other regions in the country, is going to require more fuel to obtain the products required for manufacture.

Ultimately, there will be major, manufacturing job losses. The claims there will be jobs added is pure rhetoric. The lost jobs will be family wage jobs. History has shown unrealistic regulations like HB 2020 eliminate family wage jobs without proper replacement.

We owe it to our communities to preserve family wage jobs that our businesses support. It is environmentally irresponsible to transfer our emissions to another area where emissions may increase to produce products the people of Oregon consume.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today.