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OF LANE COUNTY**

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2019 Oregon Legislature
Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction
Co-Chair Senator Michael Dembrow
Co-Chair Representative Karin Power
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Co-Chairs Dembrow and Power, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for providing this opportunity to comment on Oregon's carbon reduction planning. Statewide hearings speak to the importance and urgency of your charge, and we appreciate you coming to Lane County.

For 99 years, the League of Women Voters has spoken out on critical issues. Climate change is one of the most serious threats we face. As citizens of the world, we must protect our state, nation and planet from the physical, economic and public health effects of climate change—while providing pathways for equitable economic prosperity.

The League of Women Voters of Oregon supports House Bill 2020. Members of the League of Women Voters of Lane County attend your Feb. 22 hearing to urge you to the finish line.

In Lane County communities, the effects of climate change are very much on our minds—from food security and local agriculture to energy resources, jobs, and transportation options. The focus of Eugene's climate action plan has been to move toward carbon neutrality, reduced fossil fuel use, and climate change adaptation. The Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority (LRAPA) closely monitors air quality and recently updated backyard burning rules. Local utilities are committed to climate leadership. Agencies and community partners have assessed the vulnerability of local systems and services to changes in climate and increasing energy prices.

We surely are in this together when it comes to climate change. HB2020 and related work reflect our collective mission. Your legislative leadership will make a difference. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda Lynch
President