

Dear Co-Chair Dembrow, Co-Chair Power, and members of the committee:

I am writing to express my concerns about the impacts of HB 2020 on my business, residence, and community. This bill has significant negative impacts to all three.

I manage a small business located in The Dalles that uses steam as part of our manufacturing process which is produced by a gas fired boiler. We are required by our Air Contaminate Discharge Permit, issued by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to burn natural gas in our in our boiler and really have no other fuel option for steam generation.

After reviewing HB2020 as it currently written, I have determined that the financial impact to my facility's natural gas utility bill will be \$40,470.00 for the first year after the bill takes effect and that there will be further annual increases for the next 10 years. By the end of the 10 year, the additional cost incurred because of HB 2020 will have grown by 54%.

Since there is no fuel available that is as economical and environmentally friendly as natural gas, HB 2020 will unfairly penalize our business making us less competitive in the market place. I urge you not to pass HB 2020 as it is currently written.

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