

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

My name is Justin Saydell and I live in Astoria, OR. It is very important to me that the Oregon Legislature pass HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill during the 2019 legislative session. Ten states currently have successful cap and invest programs. These states all have falling greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, growing economies, stable energy prices, and have seen thousands of jobs created. Oregon should join these states in leading the charge on these efforts.

HB 2020 will ultimately benefit both our environment and our economy statewide by making strategic investments that reduce pollution while benefiting job growth, energy efficiency in homes for lower income families, and tribal and rural communities. An independent economic study presented to the legislature in 2019 shows that HB 2020 will benefit Oregon's economy across all tax brackets and create more than 50,000 jobs. Additionally, the declining cap guarantees a reduction of approximately 2 million metric tons of pollution every year.

My wife and I are expecting our first baby (a girl) any day now. I want her to be able to grow up hunting, fishing, breathing clean air, drinking clean water, and not have to live in world that as suffered changing climatic conditions due the pollution that we have all caused despite our understanding of those causes. Its time to take bold action and pass legislation with teeth, that will reduce carbon emissions and provide a robust and stable economy for everyone in Oregon. Passing the Clean Energy Jobs bill, HB 2020, is an important first step in ensuring a future for children in Oregon and around the world and I urge you to pass it.

Thank you,

Justin Saydell
A concerned Oregonian.
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