

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

I am a long time constituent from Northeast Portland, and I write today to express my fervent support of the Clean Energy Jobs Bill (CEJ). That this bill will cap and price climate pollution and reinvest the revenue into clean energy jobs will have a very positive impact on Portland and on our Oregon family members in Burns and Newport. Creating jobs in rural (and other) Oregon communities is a high priority for me, second only to mitigating the dire threat of climate change.

I am especially hopeful that the passage of the CEJ in Oregon will influence Washington State to follow suit and pass a similar cap and invest bill very soon. Consistent greenhouse gas mitigation policy on the West Coast and throughout Canada will be strong motivation for other states to address climate change.

The latest IPCC report makes it clear we have little time to act. Ten weeks ago my husband and I became grandparents; thus I feel I have no choice but to spend my time as a recent retiree imploring our state and national leaders to enact laws that will preserve a livable planet. Please do everything in your power, too, to protect the future of our children, their children and our natural world. Please pass a strong Clean Energy Jobs bill this session.

Gratefully,

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Oregon Voter