

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

Greetings from Gresham. My name is Michael McClenahen, 62-years of age, father of three, and grand-father of a brilliant 5-year old girl and 2-year old boy. For the past 39-years I have been employed by an Insurance Company as a Loss Control Engineer. I have traveled the globe, inspecting a wide variety of Power Generating Facilities as well as Heavy and Light Industrial businesses. I am writing you today in opposition to HB 2020. Do you really think the human race is doomed in 11-years? Where is the evidence for this supposed climate change, no one is underwater, and the recent spat of large wild fires can be attributed to poor forest management.

Carbon Dioxide is not a pollutant, it is a natural compound in the environment, and is necessary for life on this great planet. It has been here for millennia and will continue to be here long after we are gone. Carbon comes in many forms from gases to solids – changing form quickly and easily every day. A tax on carbon will achieve nothing, except making day to day life in Oregon more expensive. Electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, and natural gas prices will increase for no good reason, other than for the collection of taxes, so some bureaucrat can spend the money on some irrelevant project. Solyndra comes to mind – that was a great investment.

When I was in high school, the enviro's were spouting off about running out of oil. Well here it is 2019 and we have more reserves than ever – running out of oil not true. So far all the climate models have also proven to be untrue.

In conclusion, please vote no on HB 2020. It is bad legislation and unnecessary.

Regards,

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