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Dear Co-Chairs Dembrow and Power and  
Members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction:

I firmly believe that it is critical for you to recommend passage of HR 2020.

The question is not whether or not there is anthropologically related climate change. The real issue is: have we reached the tipping point? From all I read, we are very close. So close, it is an absolute requirement that we address the causes of global warming. To me, HR 2020 provides our State to make a difference, not only for future generations, but also for us.

Every time a new or different approach to practically any initiative to address global warming is surfaced we hear the same old, trite refrain, "it will kill jobs!" From my research, this simply is not true. Reportedly, passage of HR 2020 and the resulting actions, will create some 50,000 jobs in clean energy related areas. These would not be menial positions, but rather well paying jobs for our fellow Oregonians and others.

While we in Oregon are often at the national forefront of modern initiatives, in this case, we have 10 other states that have engaged in, and learned from, successful cap-and-invest programs. Each of the 10 states has experienced expanding economies, reductions in CO2 emissions, and has seen significant job growth. California's implementation of an approach to reducing carbon emissions has enabled it to create meaningful, well-paying jobs in some of the most needy parts of their state. Surely, we as Oregonians can adopt the even better program provided for by HR 2020.

To me, this bill is a win-win opportunity to increase the prosperity of our state, as well as doing the right thing in terms of providing for a livable Earth for future generations and ourselves.

Sincerely,

William Carwile