

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

My name is Carla Wise, and I'm from Corvallis, Oregon. I am writing in support of HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs Bill.

I support HB 2020 because taking strong effective action to transition our economy off fossil fuels is the single most important thing government can do today to prevent catastrophic climate change impacts that are already taking a huge toll on Americans and Oregonians. Oregon has the opportunity to lead this effort and put our state in the position of becoming a clean energy leader. The declining cap in this bill provides guaranteed reduction in pollution, and the investments in this bill will both reduce pollution and provide opportunities for struggling communities in Oregon.

Ten states already have successful cap and trade or cap and invest programs, and they have seen falling emissions, growing economies, stable energy prices, and thousands of created jobs. Oregon can and must be next!

This bill has been in the making for years, and it's a good bill. I am alarmed and frankly horrified that fossil fuel-funded interests, many of them outside Oregon, are pumping money into misleading and damaging ads to prevent HB 2020 from passing. I urge you to ignore these deceitful and backwards-thinking ads and efforts from derailing this vitally important effort. The United Nations' climate scientists have reported that we have only a few years to begin a major transformation of our economy to begin drastically reducing emissions to prevent climate catastrophe. It's time for Oregon to step up and become a leader in this effort. HB 2020 is the best step to do this.

Thank you,

Carla Wise