

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

My name is Clea McDow. I am a native Oregonian and chose to return from the East Coast to start and raise my children here, in Milwaukie, with my spouse. I am writing you today in support of HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill.

It is imperative for my life (and yours!) and that of my children that you pass a bill with a strong and rapidly declining cap that covers all Greenhouse gas emitting entities. The Clean Energy Jobs Bill is good for our climate and our economy. An independent economic study presented to the legislature in 2019 shows HB 2020 will benefit our economy. It will add to household income across all tax brackets because it will create more than 50,000 good-paying jobs and the transition to cleaner energy will lower costs for people and businesses. Major investment will go to reduce pollution and grow opportunities for low-income and rural communities, tribes, communities of color, and for training workers in Oregon.

My children are 9 and 4. In 11 years, the time we have to reduce emissions before our climate fate is sealed, they will be 20 and 15, in college and high school. My children deserve the opportunity to enjoy the splendor of our natural environment without the inevitable catastrophic impacts of climate change. We must act now and pass a strong HB2020 this year. Please do everything in your power to protect my children's' future. Passing the Clean Energy Jobs bill this year is an important first step.

Thank you,
Clea McDow
Concerned Oregonian
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