

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

My name is Emily, I'm 24 and work for Our Climate, a nonprofit working to mobilize students.

The students I work with are so excited to see this bill moving forward. However, we know as young people that the bill needs to go even further. Our demands are as follows:

1. The cap should be lowered to ensure that greenhouse gas emissions from covered entities go to 0 by 2050.
2. We encourage the reduction of free allowances in the first year of the program from 100% to 50%. Additionally, we encourage cement, polystyrene, and plastic industries not be eligible for free allowances.
3. There must be a specific percentage of investments in impacted communities, as well as a more transparent process that will tie reduction of pollution directly to the use of funds in communities most affected by pollution.
4. Incineration of municipal solid waste should not receive an exemption.

Thank you for your time.

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