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Co-chairs Dembrow and Power and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kristine Hiaasen. I am owner of Prineville Lavender Farm. We grow not only lavender, but also vegetables which we sell locally. Even though we are a very small operation, we are concerned about changes in the climate for our farm business and for the quality of our rural lifestyle.

I strongly support HB 2020, also known as Clean Energy Jobs, which will put a cap and price on greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon and invest in solutions.

The Clean Energy Jobs bill is a win for the environment and the economy!

The agriculture economy in California has doubled in size in the last decade with all their environmental protections in place, including cap-and-invest. It went from less than \$10 billion in 2006 (AB 32 passes) to more than \$20 billion in 2017 (the latest number available).

Revenue will be invested in projects in our communities. The Bill provides funding for projects that reduce and sequester greenhouse gas emissions and promote adaptation and resilience in the face of climate change. Farmers may benefit from grant funds to adopt or maintain climate-friendly practices and possibly also from selling offset credits to regulated parties. And of course, farmers will benefit from a more stable climate.

I want to see strong climate policy and recognize that Oregon agriculture can and should be part of the solution. I am joining with over 200 farms and other agriculture stakeholders in Oregon who have signed on in support of the Clean Energy Jobs bill.

Thank you for the consideration and for your service.

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