

Honorable Members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction,

I am writing to thank you for your work towards an appropriate response to climate change for our state. I have been following the science on climate change since the early nineties, and am convinced that we must act collectively if we want a livable environment for future generations. I do my best personally to use as little carbon as possible, but this problem requires the action of government to come up with solutions that are only useful if done on a large scale.

For this reason, I am pleased that HB2020 is a good enough start. It doesn't go as far as I would wish, but I think it is a fair and effective compromise.

I am convinced that the costs incurred with this scheme are fully outweighed by the benefits and I urge you to provide good leadership on behalf of the common good, over the pressure that will be brought from the business community. I applaud the foresighted approach to limiting the costs to large industries. I also believe the estimates that the growth in green jobs outweigh the possible increase in energy costs. I would be happy to pay higher prices for the ways that I burn carbon if I knew that money was going toward moving away from fossil fuels. As it is now, the costs of carbon in the atmosphere are being externalized to all of us, rather than being paid by those who are profiting from a carbon economy. In short, please support HB 2020 now, and continue to push for real effectiveness in the future.

Respectfully,

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