

Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction,

I am writing to voice strong support for HB 2020, also known as the Clean Energy Jobs bill. My name is Stephen Aiguier and I live in Portland, where I am the President of Green Hammer, a design-build firm and certified B-Corp creating responsible, healthy and inspiring buildings where people live, work and play.

As an Oregon resident and business owner who employs 34 people, I want to stress the economic opportunity presented by HB 2020. The Cap-and-Invest program created by HB 2020 will send the right market signals to drive investment and job growth across the state. A recent economic analysis commissioned by the Governor's office found that passage of the bill would lead to around 50,000 new jobs in Oregon, a 2.5% growth in Oregon's real GDP, and an increase in Oregonians' household income across all tax brackets, with the most going to low-income households. Additionally our firm's primary focus on delivering Zero energy buildings produces projects that are strong candidates for investment opportunities through a program like this, which will accelerate the construction of buildings at the leading edge of technology.

My company, like many others in Oregon, is committed to reducing carbon emissions in the built environment. We measure the success of our company using triple-bottom-line metrics (environmental performance, employee relationships, diversity, involvement in the local community, and the impact our product and services have on those we serve). My firm has garnered national and global recognition for our ability to reduce environmental impact while experiencing healthy profit margins and tripling of revenue and staff over the past 5 years.

With mounting evidence showing that governments must act with greater urgency to address global warming, my company is proving that the building industry must and can be part of the solution. I whole-heartedly believe that if Oregon fails to mitigate our greenhouse gas emissions, climate change will exact enormous costs to our people, environment and economy. Instead we can make the decision to lead and create new opportunities for healthy economic growth.

I am confident that the Clean Energy Jobs bill would send a clear, long-term signal to investors that Oregon's clean energy market is poised for further expansion and give Oregon a competitive advantage to capture the rising tide of investments and businesses ready to put Oregonians to work in clean energy. As experience in other jurisdictions has shown, the benefits of a Cap-and-Invest program extend beyond the cleantech sector and can create revenue streams and provide resources to Oregon's farmers, foresters, and ranchers. It is because of these economic opportunities that [78 Oregon business leaders and investors signed a letter in support of HB 2020.](#)

To maximize the benefits to Oregonians, the legislature must pass a strong bill that enables linkage to the Western Climate Initiative which at a minimum means adopting a declining cap on par with California's 2030 requirement that emissions fall at least 40 percent below 1990 levels.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. As an Oregon business leader, I urge you to pass HB 2020 and create the strongest Cap-and-Invest program possible.

Regards,

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