

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

My name is C. Mark Hersh and I live in the Concordia neighborhood of Portland. It's very important to me that you pass HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill.

- An independent economic study presented to the legislature in 2019 shows HB 2020 will benefit our economy and will add to household income across all tax brackets.
- The bill guarantees 2.2 million metric tons of pollution will be reduced every two years; this will help the environment and the health of Oregonians.
- Wildfires are worsened by climate change. In 2017, wildfires caused Oregon to lose \$51.5 million in visitor spending and the US Forest Service is now spending more than half its budget on fighting fires.

We need to get off fossil fuels. It's not easy for me to say that because my father was a coal miner and coal mining money put food on our table. But this bill will put people to work on *clean* energy sources. Fossil fuels should be left in the ground and learned about in museums.

Thank you,

C. Mark Hersh