

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

I am a resident of Corvallis and have been working in support of carbon pricing in Oregon for many years. I urge you to pass the Clean Energy and Jobs bill during this 2019 legislative session for the following reasons:

**The Problem:** Scientific evidence is overwhelming: climate change is here, and unless we curb behaviors that contribute to it, it will get much worse, putting our food, air, water and security at risk. Recent Reports underscore the problem and conclude that climate change is a clear and present danger to us here in Oregon and the world.

**To help solve this problem,** please pass the Clean Energy and Jobs bill. I believe that supporting a limit on carbon pollution--the driver of climate change--using a carbon fee and invest framework is an important step forward in Oregon's work to do our fair share to cut back on greenhouse gas pollution that contribute to climate change.

**Background:** The Pacific Northwest, which includes Oregon, Washington, California and British Columbia have been working towards the historic process of passing effective and scalable climate legislation. Washington hasn't been successful, but Oregon can take a leadership role in supporting the movement toward this important goal.

Building a sustainable energy future will require changes, and the Clean Energy Jobs bill will help us make those changes. I believe it is important to put a price on carbon, and the price of the fee should be grounded in science, and predictably rise every year to create market confidence in alternatives to oil, coal and gas.

Placing an economic price on carbon will improve conditions for a sustainable civilization. This fee would make alternative energy sources more competitive with fossil fuel energy sources. With your help, we can work towards greenhouse gas reduction, the kind of work that climate stability depends on.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue,

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