

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

My name is John Miller Cooper, Jr. I have a bachelor's degree in biology and attended graduate school in botany. I served as communications director for The High Desert Museum in Bend from 1989 – 1999, and today work as a freelance writer. My wife and I have two children and now live in Eugene.

HB 2020 is a model of regenerative strategies for the future of Oregon and the world in the face of imminent, and potentially disastrous, climate change. I am impressed with the bill's many provisions and options that include funding to reduce green house gas emissions, develop green infrastructure and technologies, stimulate environmentally sustainable businesses and construction, protect wildlife and ecosystems, and provide job training in emerging, ecologically responsible sectors of the economy. I appreciate that, as Oregon's Green New Deal, HB 2020 is a bold and comprehensive bill that will be flexible to change and opportunity as needed. We must prepare for the many uncertainties of weather as well as political winds.

If HB 2020 becomes law, it could unite Oregonians in the common cause of slowing the progress of climate change, creating a healthier and more sustainable environment, and opening up new possibilities for green and clean business development and meaningful, well paying work.

I and my family urge you to support this powerful legislation and thank you for your continued commitment to the highest scientific and ethical standards, as you help us navigate the challenges posed by climate change, toxic waste, and the destruction of our natural biosphere.

Sincerely,

John Cooper

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