

Co-chairs Dembrow and Power and Members of the Committee,

My name is Rhianna Simes. I am owner of Verdant Phoenix Farm and I am the Executive Director of Our Family Farms, a 501-C3, focused on education about regenerative agriculture.

I strongly support HB 2020, also known as ~~Clean Energy Jobs~~, which will put a cap and price on greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon and invest in solutions. I have seen the impacts of climate change on my farm such as extreme heat, reduced irrigation water access, and declining pollinator populations. I am deeply concerned for the well-being of my two young children and their future.

The Clean Energy Jobs bill provides funding for projects that reduce and sequester greenhouse gas emissions and promote adaptation and resilience in the face of climate change. Farmers may benefit from grant funds to adopt/maintain climate-friendly practices and possibly also from selling offset credits to regulated parties. And of course, farmers will benefit from a more stable climate. \*

Over 200 farms and other agriculture stakeholders in Oregon have signed on in support of the Clean Energy Jobs bill. We want to see strong climate policy ~~and~~ that recognizes that Oregon agriculture can and should be part of the solution. \*

Thank you for the consideration and for your service.

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Verdant Phoenix Farm  
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\* <sup>and</sup> Revenue will be invested in projects in our communities. □

\* The ag economy in CA has doubled in size in last decade with all their environmental protections in place, including cap-+ invest. It went from less than \$10 billion in 2006 (when AB 32 was passed) to more than \$20 billion in 2017.