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Roseburg, OR 97470

February 28, 2019

To: Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction

From: Polly Stirling

Re: Testimony on HB 2020

I attended the hearing in Springfield and did not testify, so I am taking this opportunity to express my support for HB-2020, the Clean Energy Jobs Bill.

Having lived in Douglas County for 45 years, I am keenly aware of the economic struggles our citizens have faced. The services once provided by county government have diminished yearly. Our unemployment is always above the rest of Oregon, and the health of residents is always below average. The snow storm on Sunday left thousands of households without electricity for several days and closed schools and many businesses for an entire week. It was a shock to our "banana belt" county and demonstrated the fragility of our infrastructure.

I am encouraged that the Clean Energy Jobs Bill will prioritize investments in low-income rural communities, providing economic opportunities for jobs that benefits farmers and ranchers as well as

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young people seeking their first jobs

Thank you for passing this bill which will provide
a better life for Oregon's citizens.

Sincerely,

Polly Stirling