

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

My name is Francine Chinitz and I live in Portland. It is crucial to me and everyone in this state that you pass HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill.

Climate change is the biggest issue we face. I bike commute year-round. Last summer, I had issues breathing on my commute from the smoke from all the fires. I am also concerned with other citizens around the state. According to this [article](#) in in Water Deeply, 86% of the state was in sever drought last year, and more droughts are expected to continue. The droughts were particularly hard on ranchers, particularly in eastern Oregon. Some ranchers had to [truck in water](#) for their cattle because of watering holes ran dry. These droughts increased the number, duration and intensity of fires. Last year, Oregon spent a [record \\$514 million on wildfires](#). Scientist tell us that climate [change contributes to extreme weather](#). As the [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change \(IPPC\)](#) has stated, we only have elven years to bring down emissions significantly. We cannot afford to not address climate change.

The declining cap of this bill guarantees a reduction of about two million metric tons of pollution every year. This reduction is significant; equivalent to taking 425,000 cars off the road. Plus, an independent economic study presented to the legislature in 2019 shows HB 2020 will benefit our economy. It will create more than 50,000 good-paying jobs and the transition to cleaner energy will lower costs for people and businesses.

Oregon has been a leader in recycling, bicycle infrastructure and in the land use planning. Now we have an opportunity to be a leader for climate change. Let's seize this opportunity!

Thank you very much for your service and reading my letter.

Sincerely,

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