

Dear Oregon Legislature.

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 2020. Given the IPCC's recent urgent warning that we must reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 45% over 2010 levels by 2030, time is of the essence. It is more complicated because we are now dealing with the impacts of climate change while also addressing greenhouse gas emissions. But that is the challenge before us as a state.

With the clear warning in front of you, it will be your job to determine how Oregon takes care of its children's future. There is no room for exceptions if we are to have any chance of hitting science-based targets, but hit those targets we must.

I am hopeful we will see strong leadership from the Legislature as it works through the details of this legislation to address the climate crisis.

Sincerely,

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