

To the
Honorable Co-Chairs Dunbow and Power and Members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction

Testimony in support of Oregon HB 2020,
also known as Clean Energy Jobs bill or "Cap and Invest" bill

Human caused climate change and global warming are the most urgent issues of our time. Precious time has been lost to combat and reverse this impending disaster since many earlier warnings over the last 40 years. The chances for a halt or reversal of warming and its consequences are now rapidly disappearing and catastrophes are imminent, such as massive coastal flooding, mass migrations of displaced and starving populations in coastal mega cities, deadly heat waves, huge forest and tundra fires, lack of potable or agricultural waters after long droughts, melting of glaciers, ocean acidification and warming, depressed fisheries etc.

Oregon has often been a national leader for the enactment of progressive and innovative solutions to environmental problems. HB 2020 is well balanced for the envisioned environmental improvements and brings well paying jobs to our economy (solar installations, insulation of buildings, wind turbines etc). These good jobs bring increased household incomes, even in economically depressed areas. California and other states have proven that atmospheric carbon reductions and reinvestment in renewable energies have been good for the economy. (CA has now a sizable budget surplus !!)

HB 2020 is an important piece of legislation, addressing the current environmental calamity and at the same time is very promising to lead to economic growth in our state. It awaits now enactment in this legislative session which I fully support, not only for economic reasons but for the survival of this amazing planetary ecosystem and that of our civilization.

I strongly urge the passing of this well balanced "Clean Energy Jobs" - or "Cap and Invest" bill No 2020.

We have to do it now for the economic health of our state and the survival of our children.

Sincerely,

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