

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

My name is Henry Mottl and I live in the central Oregon community of Powell Butte. From my perspective as a Republican and Christian it's critical that you pass HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill. An independent economic study presented to the legislature in 2019 shows HB 2020 will benefit our economy. It will add to household income across all tax brackets, with the most going to low-income households because it will create thousands of good-paying jobs and the transition to cleaner energy will lower costs for ordinary people and businesses. One of the best parts of the bill is that it guarantees 2 million metric tons of pollution will be reduced every year, this will help the environment and public health by reducing air pollutants. Last summer, many Oregonians suffered from the extreme smoke caused by wildfires were in part enhanced by climate change. In 2018 wildfires caused Oregon to lose \$51.5 million in visitor spending and the governmental agencies spent over \$514 million fighting fires. That's a record total economic impact of \$565 million and this figure will increase over time based on the impacts of climate change.

Last year a new scientifically based report came out that shows we have 11 years to reduce emissions before climate change is truly catastrophic. Most of us either have children or are part of a greater family with children. Without significant action to address greenhouse emissions, the next generation will experience a decline in their quality of life beyond anything humanity has experienced in the past 1,000 years. Please do everything in your power to protect their future. Passing the Clean Energy Jobs bill this year is an important first step.

Thank you,
Henry Mottl
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