

I urge the Oregon Legislature to pass the most rigorous and ambitious version of House Bill 2020, including the Governor's Office Scenario 2 that maintains the 2035 goals for reduced carbon. I am finally moved to take a stand, in the current "round" of discussion about climate change, most particularly by reporting from the New York Times (Nathaniel Rich, "Losing Earth," 8/1/18) making clear both government and industry have at the highest levels known for *my entire lifetime* about the consequences of over-emission of CO2, and missed all early chances to act in international concert, kicking the problem down the road - to us, all of us. My understanding is that Oregon's proposed cap-and-invest program has been tried elsewhere and is proving successful and un-destructive to business, and that it does a careful and creditable a job of the *sine qua non* of successful carbon-reduction legislation, easing individuals and the economy into the brave new world. I for one will not be sorry to do my part to pay for the program through higher gas taxes and utility bills. Thank you for the chance to comment.

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