

I am in full support of a strong HB 2020 bill that takes immediate and sustained action to combat climate change. Climate change is real, climate change is now, and climate change is the most important economic, environmental, and national security issue of our time. I fear for the quality of life of my son and future generations yet to be born if we do not take action now. Temperatures are rising, oceans are warming and acidifying, our health is deteriorating, and our national security is at risk. We must have a bill that reduces GHG emissions to 0 by 2050 with an interim target of 45% reduction from 1990 levels by 2035.

Not only does HB 2020 take strong action in reducing GHG emissions, it will be a strong boost to Oregon's economy. It will create good-paying clean energy jobs, it will increase our energy exports, it will invest in rural and disadvantaged communities of all types.

As a native Oregonian, we not only have to act, we want to help lead the nation in providing an example for how to do better - something Oregon has frequently done.

Please do not allow the dirty energy lobbyists to weaken this bill.

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