

Attn. Beth Reily

This letter is in support of a strong Clean Energy Jobs Bill, HB2020.

Northeastern states as well as in the West have shown the way with pricing carbon, and their energy costs have been stable with no spike in gas prices. The economies of these states have all grown in relation to neighboring states. California has seen fit to extend its system for an additional ten years, ON A BIPARTISAN VOTE! States have opted to INCREASE their reductions in carbon emissions.

Much has been made of a dramatic spike in fuel prices, but that is inaccurate; over the twenty years structured in the bill, the increase is more like the rate of inflation. We have seen much swifter and more dramatic swings in fuel prices without any carbon pricing in place. The threat to the state's economy is overblown and later changes to this bill in response to real world conditions are doable.

Oregon is a good place to do business and companies know that; with positive leadership into the future, businesses will recognize the value there and Oregon's economy will grow sustainably. Please do not weaken the bill with excessive exemptions and allowances. Oregon has always benefited from being in the forefront.

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