

Hello,

I am writing in support of the Clean Energy Jobs bill. Climate change is a dire and immediate threat to everyone in Oregon and on the planet. We cannot delay any longer in taking action to immediately and drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions as a state and as a country. I have been a resident of Bend for the last 10 years and we are already experiencing the consequences of our climate pollution in the form of warmer winters and hotter summers. Decreased snowpack due to climate warming is extending our wildfire season, worsening our air quality, and putting many communities and homes at risk. Summer heatwaves put vulnerable people such as the elderly, homeless and those with chronic conditions at increased risk and strain our already overburdened healthcare system. If we fail to reduce emissions and continue with business as usual, our society and way of life that many of us take for granted will be increasingly untenable as ever warmer conditions cause food and water shortages, droughts, increasingly violent and powerful weather events, and a host of other devastating effects.

I urge you to pass HB2020 in its strongest possible form to reduce our carbon emissions and help put us on the right track to avoid devastating climate change impacts for us as well as future generations. We cannot fail to act now, please do what is right for Oregonians' health, wellbeing and security.

Thank you,

Ross Winsor