

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

My Name is Noah Clark and I live in Portland Oregon. I am a native Oregonian and a junior at Cleveland High School. My future depends on HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill, being passed. It is vital that this bill is as strong as it can possibly be.

Clean Energy Jobs is part of the solution to climate change Oregon needs. Not only will passing HB 2020 set Oregon up as a leader and position our state to be a clean energy economic engine in the 21st century but it will also guarantee a reduction of around 2 million metric tons of pollution every year. That is equivalent to taking 425,000 cars off the road. As a young person who is growing up in a world plagued with pollution and whose future is in grave danger, the thought of not passing this bill is devastating.

We have about 11 years to drastically reduce emissions if we want to avoid the most catastrophic impacts of climate change. In 11 years I will only be 28. I want a livable climate for the rest of my life and for all the future generations to come. My worst nightmare is to find myself telling my grandchildren about what life was like before the apocalypse that is climate change. I would love to be able to tell them about how people around the state, nation and world rallied to keep climate change from taking over.

Please do everything in your power to protect my future. Passing the Clean Energy Jobs bill this year is an important first step.

Sincerely,

Noah Clark, a concerned Oregonian