

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

I am writing in support of HB2020, which offers Oregon a way forward to combat the coming disaster of an "uninhabitable Earth."

My name is Kathryn B. Campbell, and I live in Sisters, Oregon.

I am confident that you know all of the arguments in favor of this bill. But I would like to add this quote from "The Uninhabitable Earth" by David Wallace-Wells:

"It is worse, much worse, than you think. The slowness of climate change is a fairy tale, perhaps as pernicious as the one that says it isn't happening at all, and comes to us bundled with several others in an anthology of comforting delusions: that global warming is an Arctic saga, unfolding remotely; that it is strictly a matter of sea level and coastlines, not an enveloping crisis sparing no place and leaving no life un-deformed; that it is a crisis of the "natural" world, not the human one; that those two are distinct, and that we live today somehow outside or beyond or at the very least defended against nature, not circumscribed and literally overwhelmed by it; that wealth can be a shield against the ravages of warming; that the burning of fossil fuels is the price of continued economic growth; that growth, and the technology it produces, will allow us to engineer our way out of environmental disaster; that there is any analogue to the scale or scope of this threat, in the long span of human history, that might give us confidence in staring it down. ***None of this is true.***"

I have been recycling, saving energy, and living as lightly as possible on the Earth for 70 years. I educated myself, raised a family, and retired from the University of Oregon faculty. I have devoted my life to education, including science education. AND NONE OF IT HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE in the approaching calamity of global warming. None of it.

YOU have the power to make a difference. Public policy changes--radical public policy changes--are the only solution. You must show some leadership here. This bill may not be perfect, but it sends a message that we will not stand by and let the Earth be destroyed in our lifetime or in the lifetimes of all generations to come.

I implore you: Pass this bill for me, for my family, for you, for your families, for Oregon and for the world. We can do it, together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kathryn B. Campbell

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