

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

I am a 30-year resident of Oregon living in NW Portland. I moved to Oregon long ago for the beauty of the land and a lifestyle where I can be in frequently in touch with unspoiled nature. I've had a passion for the natural world my entire life and have focused that passion on the intent of leaving our world in a healthy state for future generations.

I am extremely concerned with climate change and, having spent almost 10 years working in the thriving energy efficiency sector in Portland, see the possibilities of addressing some of the climate change issues with stronger regulations and support for energy efficiency. This will not be enough to counter rapid climate change and I am convinced that we must enact carbon pricing legislation and that NOW is the time to act. Therefore I am asking you with all my heart to support a strong Clean Energy Jobs Bill (HB 2020) this session. We must act with urgency and I ask you to help make Oregon a leader in this effort.

Thanks,

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