

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

My name is *Tommy Rogers* and I live in Portland, Oregon . It's very important to me that you pass HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill. An independent economic study presented to the legislature in 2019 shows HB 2020 will benefit our economy. It will add to household income across all tax brackets, with the most going to low-income households because it will create thousands of good-paying jobs and the transition to cleaner energy will lower costs for people and businesses. One of the best parts of the bill is that it guarantees 2.2 million metric tons of pollution will be reduced every two years. Last summer, I wasn't able to go outside during the extreme smoke caused by wildfires that are worsened by climate change. In 2017, wildfires caused Oregon to lose \$51.5 million in visitor spending and the US Forest Service is now spending more than half its budget on fighting fires.

Last year a new report came out that shows we have 11 years to reduce emissions before our climate fate is sealed.

If we have 4 degree rise in average temperature the global south will stave. The drought caused famine that led to the Syrian civil war will be repeated across the globe. Perhaps even here in Oregon. You will be judged for this. It will be your responsibility and legacy. In the mad max hellscape future none of your other "accomplishments" will be forgotten.

Please do not exempt utilities. They have made enough money. If they resist this bill, socialize them.

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

Thank you,