



## Carpenters Industrial Council

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Dear Honorable Members of the Joint Committee on Carbon,

I am taking the time to write to you today regarding the proposed Cap and Trade Bill (HB 2020) and its potential effects on my job and the local rural community that I call home. I appreciate the effort to impact climate change through the reduction of Green House Gases, but I am asking you to slow down and craft a program that will truly benefit all Oregonians across the state. I am a Union Representative for the Carpenters Industrial Council and I represent members that work at a manufacturing facility in La Grande Oregon that employs more than 120 people in full time, year-round jobs with benefits. For every 1 job in this manufacturing facility, there are approximately 3 jobs created in this local community.

I am asking you to take a step back and really work towards a meaningful bill that doesn't destroy their jobs. The current manufacturing facility that I represent is well below the cap for carbon emissions, but my concern is the increased costs for fuel and natural gas that will affect the bottom line for the company. They do not work in a high margin industry that is able to pass along these extra costs to the customer. These extra costs put their jobs in jeopardy and ultimately their community.

This community relies on this manufacturing facility as a backbone of the economy. The jobs this facility provides are full-time, year-round positions with benefits. These are highly desirable jobs in Northeast Oregon where full-time positions with benefits are scarce.

Please don't put their job and their community in jeopardy by passing a bill that will have very little impact on climate change but will destroy rural communities that have worked to build facilities that significantly contribute to the local community by providing jobs and sustainability for our citizens.

I implore you to take the time to truly understand the impact of this bill on rural communities, rural manufacturing facilities, and the overall stability of our rural economy. Please take the time to fully understand the impacts and truly craft a program that will truly have an impact on climate change while supporting rural jobs and prioritizing revenues so that they have a meaningful impact on the reduction of carbon and the rural communities that will suffer if the bill is passed as written.

Sincerely,

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