

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

My name is Chris Bekemeier. I live in inner Northeast Portland. 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. Additionally, 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 million metric tons of pollution will be reduced every year. That's like taking 425,000 cars off the road!

Hundreds of millions of dollars per year in proceeds from Clean Energy jobs will be reinvested in clean energy solutions -- putting Oregonians to work by making clean power like solar available to more people, improving energy efficiency in homes and businesses to save people money, building affordable housing near transit and investing in more transportation options.

Our timeline is incredibly short! Scientists agree we have 11 years to drastically reduce emissions if we want to avoid the most

catastrophic impacts of climate change. Clean Energy Jobs is a policy that has been in the making for over a decade.

I am writing to you as an individual concerned citizen. And also as a person of faith. I am a member and leader at Central Lutheran Church in Portland, as well as a leader with EcoFaith Recovery. I am also engaged with Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's public advocacy work. As a person of faith, I believe deeply that our beloved Planet Earth is a gift from God and that we are called to care for and protect all of God's Creation.

Oregon CAN and MUST take the leadership role for our nation to move Clean Energy and Climate Justice legislation forward on a fast track! We must act NOW and pass HB 2020 this year!

Thank you,

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