

Good morning Co-Chairs Dembrow and Power and members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction.

My name is Kendra Hamerly. I am a 40 year old resident of Sisters Oregon. I have lived in Oregon for over a decade and chose to move to this beautiful, progressive state to raise a family. My husband and I own and operate a home performance business, GreenSavers with offices in Bend and Portland.

As a business owner I am already focused on fighting climate change and helping our communities save energy and money each month.

GreenSavers improves the energy efficiency and comfort of 500 homes per year. We do this by focusing on energy saving upgrades, such as installing the most efficient heating systems, air sealing leaky houses, sealing leaky duct work, adding adequate wall, floor and attic insulation and replacing old windows. Many of our customers save 10-30% each month on their utility bills by working with GreenSavers. This is money back in their pocket month after month, year after year! Real savings in energy consumption and money is our number one goal and we are succeeding.

It is important that part of HB2020 addresses energy reduction and energy efficiency upgrades in our housing stock. In addition, we need to make sure our building codes are adopting the latest in building science and are focused on making homes as energy efficient as possible. GreenSavers believes in the bold idea that all homes in Oregon can achieve a NET ZERO footprint if homeowners, local municipalities and builders adopt stricter building standards and the best building science methods.

Lastly, I am a mother, raising the next generation of Oregonians and global citizens. Thomas, age 10, Vivienne age 7 and Alexander age 2 will be forced to deal with our choices today and I am going to do everything I can to make sure their future is not burdened by lack of planning and poor government choices.

I am here to testifying in support of HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill.

HB 2020 is a benefit to both our economy and climate.

- This bill will provide the jobs of the future. Oregon can be the leader in a clean energy economy and a hot bed for clean energy ideas and inventions. All this will help provide exciting new fields and jobs and allow my children's generation to prosper.
- By building clean energy into all parts of our economy, we'll create good-paying jobs, make our businesses more competitive, and position our state to be an economic engine in the 21st century. We can't let this opportunity pass us by.
- 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 forests burn with increasing intensity filling the sky with choking smoke. My children had 5 SMOKE Days in the start of the 2017/18 school year. Imagine that, not snow days like we just had this week, we had SMOKE DAYS, where we could not send our children to school because smoke was filling their schools for days on end.
- Our most vulnerable community members – children, elders, communities of color, low-income and rural Oregonians -- suffer most from climate impacts like wildfire smoke and extreme heat.

Look, I should be at my kids' three basketball games right now, but I know fighting for their future is just as important. That is why I am here before you. I am Urging you to pass House Bill 2020 and lead our state and country in the direction we all need to go. We do not have time to wait.

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