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I am writing to support the passage of HB 2020.

We are long overdue to take substantive action to address climate change. This bill will significantly lower Oregon's green house gas footprint and contribute to the larger changes humanity needs to make.

Some folks have criticized action by Oregon as too little to make a difference. But it is necessary for each jurisdiction to make a proportional effort or nothing will be accomplished.

Some people in business have suggested that it will cost too much. But evidence from other places that have established similar programs belies this. This is in line with the history of environmental regulation generally where business has always claimed that the regulations will cost far too much and as things have played out, this has not been the case.

There are number of references in the bill to "carbon pricing" and "carbon dioxide emissions. " I would strongly recommend all such references to carbon and Carbon dioxide be changed to refer to "green house gases" and "green house gas emissions".

Another critical point in favor of HB 2020 is that it will benefit Oregon's economy as similar legislation has in other jurisdictions.

thanks Sean for allowing me to submit this way  
Bob Scheelen