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I am writing as a physician to encourage passage of the clean energy jobs bill, HB 2020. We know that air pollution particles have dramatic effects across the lifespan including impaired fetal growth, smaller head circumference at birth, decreased scores for verbal and nonverbal intelligence, and developmental delay. In adults, air pollution increases risk of pulmonary illnesses, stroke, heart attack, a variety of cancers, and is more strongly correlated with the development of dementia than are other known dementia risk factors such as hypertension, obesity, smoking and diabetes.

In the US the cost of air pollution damage has been estimated at 131 billion dollars per year, a figure that will increase with increasing forest fires, and is therefore a particular concern for Oregon.

We know that human beings are capable of recognizing danger and avoiding it, and are capable of adjusting to change. We have the information we need to choose a safe path into the future. There is no question that passing House Bill 2020 is what we need to do.

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