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To: [JCCR Exhibits](#)
Subject: Support of HB 2020.
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Dear Co-chairs Dembrow and Power and members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction --

Good morning.

My name is Mark Newton.

I live in Portland.

Please 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, by adding to household income across all tax brackets, with the most going to low-income households because it will create thousands of good-paying jobs and the transition to cleaner energy will lower costs for people and businesses.

One of the things I like about the bill is that it guarantees 2.2 million metric tons of pollution will be reduced every two years.

This will help the environment and my personal health and the health of those around me. Last summer, it was difficult to go outside during the extreme smoke caused by wildfires that are worsened by climate change.

And last year a new report came out that claims that we have **only 11 years** to reduce emissions before our climate fate is sealed. I care about the people around me who will be affected by this fate, including my children and my children's children.

Please do everything in your power to pass HB 2020. Passing the Clean Energy Jobs bill this

year is an important first step.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark". The letters are fluid and cursive, with a large loop under the 'M' and a long tail on the 'k'.

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