

Honorable Co-Chairs Dembrow and Power, Members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction, Senator Prozanski and Representative Holvey:

I cannot thank you enough for the long hours and hard work that went into the research, writing and presentation of HB2020. As you have heard many times in the last two months this is a watershed moment. There is no issue more critical today than addressing climate change through the reduction of greenhouse gases and other pollutants that contribute to climate chaos. And while I understand that Oregon alone cannot carry the load, this is our opportunity to lead much like Oregon's Bottle Bill of 1971. HB2020 must be a strong bill that makes a big impact as quickly as possible!

I've listened to hours of testimony (although not as much as you) for and against HB2020. What is most striking to me is the short term and long term nature of these arguments. Concerns about "what if's" in the near term such as fuel price increases do not fully address the more long term impacts of doing nothing. Agriculture, fishing, forestry, recreation will all change dramatically without intervention.

As a layperson I cannot speak to the science but over 71 scientists, economists and public health experts have and signed an open [letter](#) urging state legislators to take meaningful climate action this year. Please heed the advice of these experts.

[Union of Concerned Scientists - Oregon Scientists Letter HB202](#)

My Oregon roots run deep. My family has worked in Oregon's iconic industries as fishers and loggers. We all must take personal as well as collective action if our way of life is to be preserved for generations of Oregonians to come.

Most Sincerely,

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