

I strongly support HB2020, the Clean Energy Jobs Act.

This bill will create new, high wage jobs in Oregon while decreasing carbon in the air. It is a win/win: more jobs and solutions for climate change.

Ten other state's have enacted similar legislation pricing carbon. In just two year California added 3.2 billion dollars to their economy for clean energy solutions and jobs.

We need to do what we can to decrease carbon in the atmosphere. We have just 11 years to make dramatic changes before severe effects, according to scientists. Oregonians are already suffering from the effects of climate change. We are experiencing more intensive fire seasons and struggling from the health costs of smoke blowing in from other states. The situation is urgent, we must reduce carbon, even if it comes at the cost of carbon producing industries. The pain of this cost will be made for by clean energy jobs.

I am a Unitarian Universalist minister, my faith asks me to care for the interdependent web of which sustains us all. This bill helps sustain the climate that makes our current ways of living possible. I am also the mother of four children. I want an Oregon with high wage jobs and without intensive droughts and fire for their future.

Please pass this bill.

Sincerely,

Rev. Tracy Springberry