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Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2020, and in particular on the need for the transportation portion of the bill to support the implementation of the Portland region's Climate Smart Strategy. I would like to provide additional comments for the record.

I am pleased to tell you that the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) unanimously passed a resolution in support of HB 2020, with a focus on implementing the Climate Smart Strategy. JPACT comprises 17 members that serve as elected officials or leaders of transportation agencies across the Portland metropolitan region. Subsequently, the Metro Council voted to unanimously approve the same resolution. Metro and its local partners are ready to work with you to reduce carbon emissions from the transportation sector, and are unified in the approach to take in our region.

The JPACT and Metro resolution is attached. In summary the resolution states:

- That the Metro Council and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation urge the Oregon Legislature to enact a "cap and invest" program that will enable Oregon to meet its greenhouse gas reduction targets; and
- That an appropriate share of transportation-related auction proceeds from this program should be dedicated to the implementation of the Climate Smart Strategy; and
- That those proceeds should be spent in ways that will yield the greatest long-term reduction in greenhouse gas emissions per dollar; and
- That those proceeds should be allocated through a strategic, transparent, and streamlined regional decision-making process; and
- That in doing so, Metro conducts public outreach and follows through on Metro's commitment to equity and protecting vulnerable populations.

We respectfully request that this resolution be entered into the official record for HB 2020.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Peterson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lynn Peterson
Metro Council President