

Dear Ms. Reiley,

I attended both the visits to Salem to speak with our legislators and to the hearing in Springfield in February re: HB 2020. I feel very passionate about the need for this bill to pass. It may require some revisions, but based on the following information, I ask you to consider the following:

California invested \$3.2 Billion in clean energy solutions after adopting cap and trade policies. Of the solutions, half benefited economically disadvantaged communities. Douglas County is one such community that can no longer afford to be dependent on the lumber industry and will benefit greatly by diversifying our residents in other needed and valuable jobs.

Additionally, nine northeastern states adopted this program in 2009. The result proved well economically as they have experienced an average 25% boost in their economies, provided thousands of new jobs, and reduced emissions.

I have an intention for this bill to pass to further improve the welfare of Oregonians, both in health and finances.

Thank you.

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I wish you peace and joy everyday.