

Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction
Oregon State Capitol
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Dear Chairs Dembrow and Power, Vice-Chairs Bentz and Brock Smith, and committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to share my voice. I am very supportive of HB 2020.

Global warming has become the defining challenge, and indeed existential threat, of our time. Any solution short of transformative is tantamount to genocide. I applaud the committee for taking this challenge on in a way that treats the threat seriously. I also applaud the committee for taking this challenge on in a way that treats the practical impacts on the Oregon economy and families seriously.

I've been following this bill for years now, including attending many JCCR meetings in Salem throughout 2018. From those hearings, I was surprised by the overwhelming evidence of economic growth that this program would support, providing real relief across all tax brackets.

I urge the committee to strengthen the bill from its current form in several ways:

- Phase out the built in loopholes. All entities emitting greenhouse gases (GHG) should ultimately be subject to the cap. This includes aircraft, marine fuels, incinerators, farm operations, forestry operations, and emitters of harmful refrigerants such as hydrofluorocarbons.
- Tougher interim targets for greenhouse gas reductions: 20% (of 90's levels) by 2025, 55% by 2035, and 100% by 2050.
- Be frugal and apply a high standard with the issuance of free allowances, to be followed soon with no free allowances.
- Restore the investment percentages into the Climate Investment Fund: 50% impacted communities, 20% natural and working lands, and 10% to tribes.
- No more than 90% free allowances for all Energy Intensive, Trade Exposed GHG emitters (EITE).
- EITE status should be carefully scrutinized, with a high bar for entry.
- There are significant emissions to be found among livestock, and forestry. Legislative hearings should be pursued during the 2019-2020 interim to address the contributions of greenhouse gases from Oregon agricultural and forestry practices.

It would fill me with pride to witness Oregon leading the country and the world in such a thoughtful and considerate way. Most of all, I look forward to the impact

passing this bill would have on calling other jurisdictions to join in taking similar action.

Respectfully,

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