

Hello,

My name is Caroline O'Brien. I live in Medford and I attend Southern Oregon University in Ashland for Environmental Science and Policy.

I support house bill 2020 and strengthening components with-in it.

I moved to OR from New Jersey where I lived through 24 hurricane seasons. In that short time I can see the influence a warmer global temperature is having on the intensity, frequency and duration of seasonal storms.

It is a fact that the global temperature is rising and there is significant evidence that shows the correlation of green house gases with increased global temperature. There are over 100 greenhouse gases to be concerned with so the focus on carbon is confusing. Carbon when combined with other green house gases makes the gases stronger and hotter. Methane and nitrous oxide, for example, have a warming rate dramatically higher than carbon, and should be targeted by HB 2020.

I am disheartened that so many misinformed people are fighting this bill.

The debate is over; green house gases are increasing the earth's temperature at a dangerously rapid rate. This is resulting in catastrophic seasonal storms all over the world and every person on this planet will be affected directly or indirectly by economic, social and environmental issues associated with such storms.

We have no lack of economics or technology. We have opportunity to face this growing threat to social and environmental justice. We must do what's right for ourselves and our future by implementing public policy to reduce our reliance on harmful, exhaustible resources.

We need to focus on universal human needs to ensure citizens are accommodated with clean water, clean air, a safe environment to live in and access to jobs with a livable wage (minimum \$15 per hour.) Let Oregon set the precedent to do what's right for the entire world by reducing our carbon footprint.

A little can go a long way.

Thank you,

Caroline O'Brien