

Dear Co-chairs Dembrow and Power and members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction,

My name is Benedicta Foley and I live in Portland. It's very important to me that you pass HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill. HB 2020 will benefit our economy. It will add to household income across all tax brackets, with the most going to low-income households because it will create thousands of good-paying jobs and the transition to cleaner energy will lower costs for people and businesses. One of the best parts of the bill is that it guarantees 2 million metric tons of pollution will be reduced every year, this will help the environment and my personal health. I live in a neighborhood quite close to Precision Cast Parts which lets out many unchecked emissions. I was diagnosed with cancer 3 years after moving there. We don't know what caused it, but environmental factors certainly played into it.

Last year a new report came out that shows we have 11 years to reduce emissions before our climate fate is sealed. My children should not be responsible for cleaning up our mess nor should they have to grow up in fear of climate change. They deserve leaders that address this crisis. Please do everything in your power to protect their future. Passing the Clean Energy Jobs bill this year is an important first step.

Thank you,  
Benedicta Foley