

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

As a North Coast advocate for iterations of this bill over the last several years, I've had the privilege of meeting many of you and last year having a metal art piece in the Governor Brown's office that tried to tell this story.

We believe you have developed a plan that sets a fair and effective framework to transition to a healthier, more prosperous economy. We appreciate the efforts of the committee to reach out to the state with it's hearing process this winter and in expanding the table to include key stakeholders.

Frankly, we see this as our last chance as a state to, with any effectiveness, fend off the exploding costs and casualties of climate change and at the same time pave this path to a brighter future. Taking this path now we have the benefits of the experiences of other states and provinces to help guide us. We have more advancements in climate science and necessary technology, more global consensus and political will, and certainly more direct experience with the consequences of inaction.

We find it difficult to express the pain we feel for the prospects we see for our grandchildren and theirs, if we don't take this first step. We need courage, hope and action from you and this legislature.

Respectfully,

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