

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

Hello. My name is Bernadette Rodgers and I live in SW Portland, house district 36. I have been following with great interest the Clean Energy Jobs bill for the past few years, now HB2020. I'm writing to urge you very strongly to work to keep this bill as strong as it can possibly be. It's virtually impossible for this bill to be "too strong" in terms of taking the bold steps that Oregon needs to take to address the climate crisis so I ask you to please be brave!

Senator Dembrow, we have met a few times at various events discussing this legislation, so I know that you also feel strongly that Oregon needs to take the type of action proposed in this bill. I'm sure I don't need to tell anyone on the committee about the impacts of climate change that we are already seeing here in Oregon, or about how these impacts will hit our communities and people around the world unequally and unjustly. Or about how this legislation will actually benefit our economy as well as addressing inequities, helping the climate, and improving air quality. All things that Oregonians like me care very much about! So I trust that all of you are committed to taking these critical steps to hold ourselves responsible for our carbon pollution and begin to turn this deadly tide. However, I also feel we have a real opportunity with the current momentum to make this legislation as comprehensive and consequential as possible and so again, I urge you all to be bold, to resist the fear-mongering and efforts to water it down, and seize the moment!

Specifically, a few things are falling short in the current language:

- please restore the % allocations in the Climate Investment Fund: 50% - impacted communities; 20% - natural and working lands; 20% - statewide; 10% - tribes. These specifics are important for transparency and to increase confidence in the implementation of the bill.
- please remove exemptions, especially permanent exemptions! It's likely that stronger action will be needed in the future, and technology and the economy will shift, so NO ONE should get a permanent free pass to continue to emit planet and life-killing pollution. And certainly a large new initiative like Jordan Cove, and large profitable companies like Intel, should not receive any exemptions at all— these undermine the value of the bill.
- Free allowances that are given should be no more than 90% of current emissions— the idea is to REDUCE emissions, RAPIDLY, not maintain status quo.
- Similarly, offsets should be limited to no more than 4%, and provide direct environmental benefit IN Oregon.
- Finally, scientists have told us the future must be fossil fuel free. Therefore the ramp should go to ZERO by 2050. This is what is called for, anything less is not bold enough.

I've already heard (mostly unfounded) arguments about how this bill is too expensive, or will raise fuel prices, or that companies "can't afford it" — really?! We can't afford NOT to do it! This bill means a lot to me personally, as a climate activist, as a mother with two teenage children,

as a responsible and engaged Oregonian, and as a concerned citizen of planet Earth. Now is not the time for half-measures; now is the time for bold action! The IPCC has told us we have ~12 years to reinvent our energy infrastructure and save our earth ecosystem— the ultimate infrastructure upon which we all depend. Oregon can be a leader in this! Passing the Clean Energy Jobs bill this year is an important first step. Please do everything you can to make it a powerful and just bill!

Thank you very much for all your hard work,

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Dear Joint committee on carbon reduction members,

Thank you for your hard work on HB2020. I am writing in strong support of the bill, and to urge you to make the bill as strong as possible. We know that bold, effective, and rapid climate action is needed— this bill has the potential to do that, but only if we resist the fear-mongering and politicizing that seeks to weaken the bill for short-term gains for the powerful few. Bold, effective and rapid action means:

—no permanent exemptions, and no exemptions for fossil fuel industries and projects; —a steeply declining cap with intermediate benchmarks and a target of ZERO emissions by 2050; —limiting free allowances and offsets; —being transparent about spending of funds by re-instating the percentages in a former version of the bill.

There are additional steps that are needed, but these would be a great start to ensure that this bill delivers on its promises and that Oregon leads the way toward a clean and just energy future!

Thanks again,

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