

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

I am very concerned about climate change and CO2 emissions. The October 2018 IPCC report stated that we have until 2030 to avert a climate emergency and begin an onslaught of environmental catastrophe.

Climate change will be disastrous for our economy and the well being of everyday people without direct action.

It's very important to me that you pass HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill. 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 2.2 million metric tons of pollution will be reduced every two years.

Last summer, the extreme smoke caused by wildfires was horrible for everyone's health, and causes asthma and much suffering. Wildfires in the PNW have increased due to climate change.

Hundreds of millions of dollars per year in proceeds from Clean Energy Jobs will be reinvested in clean energy solutions -- putting Oregonians to work by making clean power like solar available to more people, improving energy efficiency in homes and businesses to save people money,

My 3 year old will be 14 in 2030 and I want her to be happy and healthy. Climate change and environmental disaster is the #1 risk to my child.

Please do everything in your power to protect her future. Passing the Clean Energy Jobs bill this year is an important step.

Thank you,

Arvin Paranjpe, Lake Oswego resident

A Concerned Oregonian.

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"What is the use of a house if you haven't a tolerable planet to put it on?" - Henry David Thoreau