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State of Oregon Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction  
Rep. Karen Power and Sen. Michael Dembrow, Co-Chairs

Dear Co-Chairs Power and Dembrow, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to encourage you to support HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs Bill. As a city councilor in Talent, I am proud to serve in a city that has taken a bold approach to addressing climate issues locally, through our Clean Energy Action Plan. But we need bold action from the state.

HB 2020 would demonstrate Oregon's commitment to a healthy planet, while spurring technological innovation and supporting a transition to a clean energy economy. Oregonians need jobs, but not jobs developing infrastructure for fossil fuel projects that will further harm our planet. Oregonians need jobs that move our state into the clean energy future. This bill addresses the needs of rural communities, tribes, and communities of color and will provide for a just transition to the clean energy economy. This bill represents the Oregon values of environmental leadership and economic pragmatism. Oregon, like our country, needs solutions at the scale of the problems we face. And this bill goes a long way to that end.

I am very concerned about the effects of climate change in our region and throughout the world. Recent wildfires augmented by our changing climate are a local example of how climate is affecting our communities economic and personal health right now. Talent is demonstrating its leadership, but we need the state join us and support us in that effort at a larger scale. It is urgent that we change course and stop making this problem worse now. Please pass HB 2020 this year.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jason Clark".

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