

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

My name is Emily Berlant and, among other things, I am the City of Talent City Council President. I'm writing in support of strengthening HB2020. Climate change isn't my future, it's my every day.

My priorities in representing my community have to do with responding to and preparing for the impact of a changing climate. Talent's clean energy action plan and is working to transition to clean energy and improve the livability and resiliency of our community. We can't do this without bold action from the state level that supports our work and that benefits the communities most impacted by the effects of climate change but who contribute the least to the cause.

We need to hold the largest polluters accountable financially and actionably: they are responsible for climate pollution - not me, or you, or us. They have been receiving free passes for decades and that needs to stop now. No carve outs for the largest polluters. This means no offsets, no exemptions, and strict limits on free allowances.

Perhaps most importantly, we cannot allow new fossil fuel infrastructure. That means no Jordan Cove fracked gas pipeline - progress will be null if we allow these corporate special interests to build the largest source of climate pollution in the state. We need new jobs in renewable energy, lower energy costs, and actions and tools to prepare our communities for the impacts of climate change.

The climate that humans have comfortably existed in is changing now and has been for over 50 years. Now is the time to act. You are in the position of power to do something NOW. Don't water this down or kick it down the road - been there done that and the mess we're in keeps getting bigger. The impacts compound exponentially and the costs continue to rise. The future is no place to place our better days. Step up. We need climate action now. We can't afford NOT to do this.

Respectfully and eagerly awaiting bold, equitable, strong climate legislation before I turn 30,



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