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

I am writing to ask you to support HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs Bill. The mission is clear. The overwhelming consensus of the scientific community has made it abundantly clear that humanity must change its course to maintain a livable planet. We have only a short time to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Oregon is poised to act, and we must not let the fossil fuel industry and other polluters stand in the way of economic and environmental reform.

The February 2019 BEAR assessment presented to the legislature predicts economic growth, job creation, and savings in health care costs. States with cap and invest programs have growing economies, falling CO2 emissions and stable energy prices. The argument that fuel prices will increase in Oregon is both false and fear mongering. In 2012, when California initiated cap and trade, gasoline prices fell, not due to cap and trade, but because numerous other market forces influence gas prices.

We must build an economy for a sustainable future. We must stop emitting greenhouse gasses, and invest in jobs that promote pollution reduction, clean energy alternatives, and energy efficiency. This will make us safer, healthier, and more economically viable for the future. Please pass HB 2020.

Thank you,

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