

Co-chairs Dembrow and Power and Members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction;

My name is Kari Jorgensen, I am the Manager of One Mile Farm in Jackson County which is owned by and produces beef and lamb for Standing Stone Brewing Co. I urge you to do all that is within your powers to support and enhance HB 2020 (the Carbon Reduction Act - which caps and attaches a cost to greenhouse gas emissions in our beautiful state, and would financially support alternative solutions).

The Bill provides incentives funding, through the Climate Investments Fund, for projects that reduce and sequester greenhouse gas emissions and promote adaptation and resilience in the face of climate change. Our farm has certainly been impacted by climate change, and not in a positive way. We have been dealing with significantly reduced forage production in in the last 3 years as a result of higher summertime temps, drought, and smoke from fires. This obviously impacts our bottom line both by increasing feed costs (we have had to purchase triple the amount of hay this winter than ever before) and poor animal performance ie, smaller hanging weights, so less end product and less incoming revenue. While we have done a good deal of planning, stockpiling, and altered grazing management to prepare for these circumstances, the impact has had a deleterious effect to say the least.

It is my understanding that the Clean Energy Jobs Bill can and will benefit both Agriculture and the economy in Oregon. Taking California's growth in the ag industry and environmental protection legislation as an example indicates that this is the clearly the case. And not only can farmers and ranchers benefit from a more stable climate, responsible managers can benefit from grant funds that support and encourage climate preserving practices, as HB 2020 would provide.

Over [200 farms and other agriculture stakeholders in Oregon have signed on](#) in support of the Clean Energy Jobs bill. We all want to see strong climate policy and recognize that Oregon agriculture can and should be part of the solution.

I appreciate your consideration, time and your public service.  
Sincerely,

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