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Senator Michael Dembrow, Representative , Karin Power, Senator Cliff Bentz &  
Representative David Brock Smith  
Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction  
900 Court St., NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for HB 2020

Dear Co-Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction,

We are writing to you today to offer our sincere thanks for the dedication and leadership you and the rest of the committee have brought to the critical issue of climate change. While we were disappointed that a Clean Energy Jobs Bill was not passed in 2018, knowing you would be working hard on this issue in the interim gave us confidence we would have a strong, practical and effective bill ready for passage in the 2019 session. Milwaukie City Council is glad to express our unanimous support for that bill in HB 2020.

Oregon needs this bill to pass in 2019. The International Panel on Climate Change gave us twelve years to change how we all live, work, and play. While Milwaukie developed and adopted its own Climate Action Plan in 2018, it's not enough. We need strong commitments and real dollars on the local, regional, state, and federal levels, and we need them now. That is why we are asking you to keep this bill as strong as possible, and to keep it moving through the Legislature as quickly as possible. We have already seen fast action on important issues this session; don't let this issue get left behind. Over 700 people rallied in Salem in support of this bill, and it is vital to use that momentum to carry HB 2020 over the finish line.

We know there are calls to weaken the bill. We urge you to resist those calls. Transportation emissions are one of the biggest contributors to climate change, and they must be included in this bill. Carve-outs for fossil fuel industries will not benefit Oregonians, and any bids to swap favors by weakening the already-successful Clean Fuels Standards must also be resisted.



As the many benefits of HB 2020 have been presented, it is critical we understand the current and projected costs of inaction. Milwaukie already replaced one bridge due to climate change-impacted flooding to the tune of \$2,000,000. Many of our businesses and homes are in flood-prone areas. Our children and elderly suffered this past summer when wildfires blanketed the city in smoke.

Milwaukie is a small city with a lot of clarity on the need to act on climate change, but not a lot of resources. HB 2020 could further our vision of a sustainable community by supporting weatherization, renewable energy development, and many other action items we have identified in our Climate Action Plan. Additionally, ours is a rent-burdened community, where many families are struggling to make ends meet. Help with heating bills would stabilize their lives.

Please pass a strong, practical, and achievable HB 2020 as soon as you can, and thank you for your dedication and commitment to a smart and resilient clean energy future.

Sincerely,




Mark Gamba, Mayor



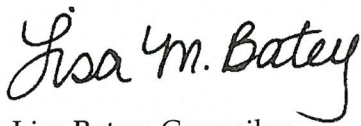
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