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Co-chairs Dembrow and Power  
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Dear Co-chairs Dembrow and Power and members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction, my name is Michael Graney and I live in Eugene, Oregon. It is important to me that the OR legislature pass HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs Bill. I agree with the economic study presented to the legislature in 2019 that shows HB 2020 will benefit our economy while helping Oregon meet its climate goals.

The transition to cleaner energy is urgent and HB 2020 will create more than 50,000 good-paying jobs and the transition to cleaner energy will lower costs for people and businesses. As a retired Energy Efficiency Engineer I am well aware of the need to improve the efficiency of our energy systems state and nationwide and the pressing need to eliminate our use of fossil fuels and convert to clean renewable energy by the end of the next decade. Effects of climate change will soon force all states and nations to make this transition. Oregon now has an opportunity to take a lead on this and help the nation and world transition by making us a clean energy economic engine. Let's start by training workers in Oregon for jobs in energy efficiency and renewable clean energy infrastructure, making clean power like solar available to more people, improving energy efficiency in homes and businesses and investing in more transportation options, like converting all our cars and trucks to electric as quickly as possible.

I would like to see you pass the strongest bill possible with the fewest exemptions and free allowances. Rural fossil fuel dependent agriculture should be given assistance in converting their infrastructure and equipment use away from fossil fuels. Agriculture should be treated as an energy-intensive trade exposed industry and be granted "allowances" in the form of tax credits or other statewide incentive programs to offset any increased fossil fuel costs they may face.

Better still the legislature should be cautious in granting any credits, exemptions or free allowances to Oregon Industries. Fossil Fuel Industries and Utilities must be prevented from passing on their costs to homeowners, small businesses and farmers by setting strict limits on how quickly and how high suppliers can raise gasoline, oil and natural gas prices.

Please move a strong and effective HB 2020 through the Ore. Legislature as quickly

as possible. Thank you,

Michael W Graney