



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

My name is Sarahlee Lawrence. I am the owner of Rainshadow Organics, a Central Oregon family farm located fifteen miles Northeast of Sisters, Oregon, where we have farmed and gardened for over twenty-five years.

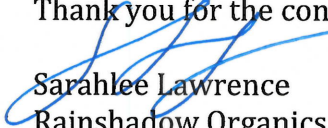
Please do all you can do support and strengthen HB 2020 - the Carbon Reduction Act - which will put a cap and price on greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon and invest in solutions. We've felt the brunt of climate change at the farm. 70 percent of Oregon experienced severe drought in 2018, impacting the water available for irrigation and farming during the time of year when we needed it most. This winter we experienced a second major winter event in two years, that claimed farm buildings and greenhouses across Oregon. Many of these buildings had withstood the elements for three quarters of a century.

The Clean Energy Jobs bill is a win for the environment and the economy. The agriculture economy in California has doubled in size in the last decade with all their environmental protections in place, including cap-and-invest. It went from less than \$10 billion in 2006 (AB 32 passes) to more than \$20 billion in 2017 (the latest number available).

Revenue will be invested in projects in our communities. HB 2020 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. Farmers may benefit from grant funds to adopt or maintain climate-friendly practices and possibly also from selling offset credits to regulated parties. And of course, farmers will benefit from a more stable climate.

Over 200 farms and other agriculture stakeholders in Oregon have signed on in support of the Clean Energy Jobs bill. We want to see strong climate policy and one that recognizes that Oregon agriculture can and should be part of the solution.

Thank you for the consideration and for your service.


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