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Dear Committee members,

I urge you to vote to move HB 2020 forward to a vote in the Senate before the end of Session.

I speak both for myself and for the members of the Oregon Chapter of the American College of Physicians, a membership organization of more than 1700 internal medicine specialists and subspecialist, residents and medical students in the state of Oregon.

As a physician, I am very well aware of the cost of climate change on my patients, as demonstrated quite forcefully the past two years as wildfires raged across the West and in Oregon and Washington in particular. We saw so many of our patients with lung and heart disease, both very young and very old, suffer with all the smoke in the air.

Predictably, these effects will fall first on those with the fewest resources, the least access to healthcare, and the most vulnerable to the effects.

I refer you to the paper by American College of Physicians on this topic: https://www.acponline.org/acp_policy/policies/climate_change_and_health_2016.pdf

We need to reduce carbon in the atmosphere in order to slow or reverse the changes that nearly all climate scientists around the world agree are happening at an ever accelerating pace. Oregon's Clean Energy Jobs Bill will start the progress towards reducing carbon emissions, and also result in increased state income that can be reinvested in clean energy jobs in our state, helping communities adjust to increasing heat and fire risks, for training workers to build a green energy economy, and to invest in land like forests that can remove CO2, the main greenhouse gas, out of the air and sequester it by storing it in the wood.

Please support moving this bill out of Ways and Means Committee to the floor for debate before the end of Session and hopefully to passage as groundbreaking legislation that will lead the nation in this area.

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