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Dear Senators,

I'm a writer who specializes in clean energy. I've written about the benefits of climate bills in California and other areas and believe that Oregon needs to take action now to address our climate emergency. The state will reap the advantages of a cleaner environment and a boost in jobs in the green energy industry.

The climate-change caused fires in Oregon are frightening to me and my family members. My son, age 11, worries about fires engulfing our home. He's worried about the fate of his beloved wildlife. He often says that if we don't take action soon, the only thing left in the ocean will be plastic. He also follows the sad stories about polar bears losing their habitat.

It's sad--and it's scary.

We need a strong cap and invest bill--a bill that establishes Oregon as a leader.

And we need climate action now. The American Lung Association favors a carbon-capping approach to reduce carbon, sulfur, arsenic and mercury pollution. Less pollution means fewer expensive emergency room visits for asthma, and reduced risk for heart disease and cancer, especially for children and seniors.

A cap and invest bill will provide 50,000 good-paying jobs for Oregon construction and clean energy in communities all over the state. It will help protect existing jobs threatened by climate change. We can prevent wildfires by hiring Oregonians to sustainably manage forests, help farmers deal with drought by upgrading irrigation systems and protect fishing by restoring watersheds.

The time to act is now. We are running out of time. Please enact a strong climate bill in 2020.

Thank you,

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