

To: Chair Senator Dembrow and other members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. 2/8/2020

My name is Catherine Kordesch. As a recently retired pediatrician from Eugene Oregon, I have spent most of my adult life working for the safety and health of the next generation. I know that a clean and healthy environment is essential for human health.

I have already seen subtle changes in my natural world that I believe are related to climate change. However, science tells us it will be the next 2-3 generations that will bear most of the consequences of our action or inaction today. I urge you, our elected leaders, to make a tough decision for the long term, not the short term.

The best available science has shown that climate change is real and caused by humans. Pricing carbon makes sense and has been successfully implemented in many US states and all over the world. I am convinced that legislation is the only effective way to deal with this looming environmental and health crisis.

Reducing Green House Emissions has been deliberated in this legislature for over a decade, and specifically, Cap and Invest has been debated for 3 years. Oregon cannot and should not wait any longer to act. It is time to do something.

Sincerely,

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