

Dear JCCR Committee Staff JCCR Committee Staff,

Dear Co-chairs Dembrow and Power, and members of the committee,

I sent the first version of this letter from my cell phone and made some typos...Here's my letter corrected. Please use this one for the record. Thank you!

I'm a writer who has specialized in covering clean energy for more than two decades.

I have seen the benefits of a clean energy economy and believe the Clean Energy Jobs bill can accelerate those benefits in Oregon. It will create attractive green jobs—the kind of jobs that Oregonians want. It will also help stem the many climate-change problems we're facing right now, including wildfires and intense storms.

Oregon has the opportunity take a bold step in the fight against climate change.

House Bill 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill, is an exciting proposal. It has the potential to drive down statewide climate pollution and invest in communities across the state-- leading to clean energy strategies that create jobs, support clean air and healthy forests, and focus resources in communities most impacted by climate change including communities of color and low-income communities.

As you consider amendments to the bill, a strong Clean Energy Jobs bill will:

- Reduce emissions quickly to meet Oregon science-based climate goals for 2035 and 2050
- Hold large polluters accountable
- Invest in clean energy projects in communities across the state, and
- Ensure a majority of investments benefit the communities most impacted by climate change.

At the same time, there should be no rollbacks to any of our existing environmental programs in the process.

Please create a bill that's as strong as possible, following in the footsteps of California and Quebec.

Thank you for your commitment to a healthy future for Oregonians.

Sincerely,

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