



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 17th, 2019

To: Chief Clerk Sekerak

Re: Vote Explanation HB 2020B

Chief Clerk Sekerak

House Bill 2020 is the first-draft of an historic transformation of our economy from a dependency upon fossil fuels, and the impact it causes, toward a cleaner more carbon-neutral reality. This bill is far from perfect, but it is an impressive step forward. It provides the framework for the transition: it is, and shall remain for decades to come, a work "inprogress." For too long we have allowed the perfect to obstruct the good. House Bill 2020 is a critical measure for all who seek to be good stewards of our natural world as well as for all who believe we have a duty to defend our nation from all threats, foreign and domestic. Our relationship with fossil fuels has weakened us. This measure will begin our journey back to our "better angels." I am grateful for the hard work done, and enthusiastic about the future we shall create together.

Sincerely,

Representative Paul Evans

State Representative – Oregon House District 20