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Id like to add a comment for the Senate Bill 477!

My name is Lee Chapman, I am a native Oregonian who believes this state has the resources and intelligence to recognize that now is the time to act. I want clean energy now!

As a winter snowboard instructor and summer river guide, my jobs rely on snow and water . We need to stop/slow climate change to save our snow-pack, and to keep the rivers flowing.

Stopping Coal consumption will help keep Oregon green (the color of living plants) while keeping the green jobs that make Oregon great (environment jobs).

Beyond losing my job, I'm scared that the drought plaguing California will move North. It will soon be our problem if Climate change is ignored. Do not let our old growth forest go up in flames! Do not make farmers abandon fields of dry dust! There is so much to lose, if we fail to switch from Coal to clean energy.

Alternative energy is available now! Will Oregon use it? Wind, hydro, solar and geothermal are real possibilities. When I pay my power bill, I want to buy clean energy! There are far more local jobs for Oregonians with clean energy than in dirty fossil fuels. (Coal, a fuel so dirty that it must be sent to China to be burned, where standards are low enough to kill their people, but still make money for the nation.) Can Oregon rise up and protect us? Can we stop terrible mining practices and dirty shipping of this toxic sludge all across the world?

The time should be now. Please switch to renewable energy, create local jobs and preserve the green Oregon I love!