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Hi,

Oregon on Climate.

To be bold or to wait? To lead the pack or watch the squabbling? When is it time to take a bold step in a new direction? I believe vision, trust and wisdom are essential, however, without blinding our dreams. Is HB 3250 a wise bill to deal with the carbon issue? I think it is. It's the best one I've seen so far, There are a few reasons that I, on a deeper level, agree with the persuasion of this bill.

1) This bill has the potential to spur so much excitement and hope for communities near and far. When islands are disappearing, when droughts are plaguing the world, we need something that will stand up and will make a real difference, not only on the carbon reduction side, but supporting Oregonians working hard to pay their bills and explore their dreams.

2) We need over achievers in the battle against climate change. Setting a renewable portfolio alone isn't going to address this problem adequately. We should be prepared for things to go wrong, but also for them to go right! How great would it be for Oregon to help California with their demand once we meet ours?! This bill will catalyze the movement to clean energy in a much needed way.

3) We can't expect anyone to get Oregon clean from fossil fuels than us, on a local and community scale. This bill will get to the root of Oregon's problem, that we can solve on our own and without relying on the tides of the federal politics.

I can't really put into words the warmth and joy that this bill inspires. After being involved in the climate movement for about 8 years, I have watched as small steps have been taken on the climate issues, that have even divided the environmental community. But this bill is sound and would really get us moving in the right direction.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read my thoughts on this issue,

Sincerely,

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