

Greetings!

My name is Judy Arielle Fiestal and I live in Portland, Oregon. I am here today to encourage you to show leadership in supporting and passing the Clean Energy Jobs legislation. I am a grandmother of 3 grandchildren, and I deeply fear the world we are leaving for our future generations. I moved to Oregon in 1971 and was taken in by the beauty of our forests and the richness of the biodiversity in our environment. I fear my grandchildren will not be able to enjoy this bounty because what the change in climate is doing to us. I urge you to be the leaders to take a strong stand to put a cap on pollution, and invest in a clean energy jobs program in our rural and impoverished communities that need it most. We can join California, Quebec, Ontario, British Columbia and 9 eastern states to put a pollution pricing system in place. The money from this program can then be invested to create clean energy jobs that will require the skills of a varied skilled workforce who live in Oregon. From finally addressing the limits for climate pollution that are already required in the state, to providing real living wage jobs in a clean energy job program for communities that are disenfranchised, this is a win-win solution. Be the leaders today to help create the Oregon we all want to be living in tomorrow. Thank you.