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I'm writing to express my support for SB 557, for a number of reasons.

First of all, I believe we have a moral obligation to protect our children and all our future generations. To do this, we need to stop and reverse climate change through SB 557.

Just as important, SB 557 will help the economy by boosting the use of clean energy. It will create attractive, good-paying green jobs that people are proud of doing.

The clean energy industry in the US now supports more than 3 million American jobs – equal to the employment of retail stores across the country, and twice as many jobs as involved in construction of buildings. This is based on 2016 data recently released by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in its second annual *U.S. Energy and Employment Report*.

Wind energy has now created over 100,000 jobs that rural and Rust Belt America need, including more than 25,000 manufacturing jobs in 43 states, according to the American Wind Energy Assoc. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, wind turbine technician is now the fastest-growing job description in America.

The real question you face is this: Why would you NOT pass a bill that reverses climate change--a huge threat to our future--while creating green jobs? Why wouldn't you pass a bill that continues Oregon's reputation as a green leader?

Thanks,

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