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February 3, 2018

Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chair Olsen, and Members of the Senate Environment Committee

and

Chair Helm, Vice-Chair Power, and Members of the House Energy and Environment Committee:

Thank you for your consideration of SB 1507 and HB 4001 (Clean Energy Jobs bill – Cap, Trade, Invest.)

I am writing today to urge passage of this important step forward for Oregon and for our long-term economic and environmental health.

At New Seasons Market, we are committed to environmental stewardship, sustainability, and strengthening our regional food economy. We are proud of our work to reduce our own environmental impact while supporting and investing in local farmers and food producers.

Climate disruption is a clear threat to the health of our communities and the health of our environment, but also to the supply chain that ensures Oregon farmers can continue to grow fresh, healthy foods to feed families and support their businesses. Here in Oregon, we're already experiencing the impacts of changes to our climate, from severe forest fires to ever-hotter summers. With more dramatic changes to come, now is the time to act.

The Clean Energy Jobs Bill will have real impacts for Oregon, not only reducing pollution but also investing in the clean energy economy and projects that capture greenhouse gases. As energy technology rapidly develops, the global economy is developing with it, and we need to position our state to lead the way. There are already more than 48,000 Oregonians working in the clean energy economy, producing \$7 billion annually in goods and services. This bill will create even more jobs and more economic growth for Oregon.

The bill is particularly important for rural Oregon and the farmers and food producers who cultivate and supply much of the food in our state and our stores. It will fund grants for farmers to invest in clean energy upgrades, water-efficient irrigation and other projects, protecting them from the impacts of climate change, help them contribute to a cleaner, more resilient future, and preserve our state's heritage of agricultural production.

This proposed legislation will reduce Oregon's emissions through a well-designed, market-based carbon pricing program, aligns with Oregon's climate goals, maintains the viability and competitive health of existing Oregon businesses, and mitigates impacts on low-income communities, communities of color, and rural communities.

As a company that values sustainability, and as a member of the Oregon Business Alliance for Climate, we support moving forward with cap and invest legislation that meets these key principles in the 2018 Legislative Session. Importantly, passing the Clean Energy Jobs bill now will also free up the Legislature to focus its attention on revenue in 2019 and position our state to be a leader in the growing clean energy economy as the 21st century unfolds.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to speak with you further about this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Joannides". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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