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To: Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
Chair Senator Michael Dembrow
House Committee on Energy and Environment
Chair Representative Ken Helm

Re: Testimony for HB4001 and SB1507 – Clean Energy Jobs Bill
Public Hearing scheduled 2/7/2018
Email: senr.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov

Senator Dembrow and Representative Helm:

I am a Portland resident, living in House district 36 / Senate district 36. I believe that it is way past time for Oregon to deal with climate change by dealing with its root cause; the profit motive of large corporations.

We have been trying to pass laws to defend against climate change for a long time here in Oregon, beginning with the climate plate of the last century. We cannot wait any longer. Proponents of large corporations will continue to try to delay action, but delay serves no purpose but to enlarge their coffers and reduce our likelihood of surviving the coming severe effects of climate change, which is already upon us.

Please don't let the perfect be an enemy of the good in this situation. Please bring the current bill to the House and Senate and let a vote take place on it, during this session; don't postpone it yet again. We as a country, a civilization, and a species (along with a great many other species) don't have the time for that. I am sure that the planet itself will survive our depredations, but I have less confidence in the fate of the living beings that inhabit it.

Thank you for your sustained work on this bill; I know it has flaws, but I hope they can be mended and allow it to go forward and be voted on in this short session.

Thank you,
Nancy Harrison