

## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 4001 - CLEAN ENERGY JOBS

As we Oregonians look into our future, we see a landscape which is increasingly bleak. The air that we breathe will become smoke-filled. Our forests will be destroyed by fires if not by drought. Our winters will be warmer and wetter, with very little snow accumulation in the higher elevations. In parts of our state, crops will have little chance to survive as water sources disappear. Who of us really wants this future?

By passing Clean Energy Jobs, we will join a global community who recognizes that climate change is real and that rising temperatures will destroy life as we know it. Any one country or state cannot do it alone - we must work together to put a stop to carbon accumulation and together we must work towards a carbon-free economy. In the process, we cannot ignore the poor or disenfranchised populations since it is they who will suffer the most as conditions worsen.

With the goal of a just transition to a sustainable way of life, it is critical that decision-makers be equitable, are held accountable, and be transparent. Impacted communities as represented by Oregon's Environmental Justice Task Force must be at the table in policy-making and in oversight. Monetary support for this task force can come from sources such as the program's proceeds, the governor, and/or the general fund.

Clean Energy Jobs is a necessary part of Oregon's future. The sooner we get it passed, the sooner we can get started.

Respectfully submitted,  
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