

**Basque Beginnings, LLC Testimony for February 7, 2018 Hearing on
Clean Energy Jobs Bill in support of SB1507 and HB 4001**

Dear Oregon Representatives,

Record breaking temperatures, catastrophic fires, unprecedented storms floods, and mudslides are of grave concern to me, as a business person, mother, and Oregonian. There is no doubt in my mind, or 97% of scientists, or most people, that human induced climate change is the driving force for erratic weather patterns. The impacts are wreaking havoc on the environment, public health, our economy and public safety. It is imperative to current and future generations that we seize the opportunity to responsibly reduce our carbon immediately. There will be no better time to support and pass SB1507 and HB 4001.

The short session is the perfect opportunity to finish over 10 years of dedicated work on this legislation. The Clean Energy Jobs Bill is a market based solution and the product of dedicated research and negotiations from a broad coalition of lawmakers, business leaders, agricultural and environmental groups and numerous other stake holders. The bill crafters had the benefit of learning from 10 other states and 2 countries that have already successfully implemented cap and trade/invest policies, allowing the drafters to cherry pick the most effective and troubleshoot areas needing more work. Thus far, nine of the 10 states that have implemented cap and trade are seeing reduced carbon emissions coupled with significant economic growth.

This valuable legislation will help build a stronger statewide and local economies, while reducing health and public safety risks and making Oregon a more desirable place to live. Please take this opportunity to create new living wage jobs and a more efficient economy and living standard. We are Oregonians; it is your responsibility to act in the Public Trust. We are counting you, and we will hold you accountable for your vote.

Thank you for making the decision to help Oregon transition to a clean and just energy economy.

Respectfully,

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