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Dear Chair Dembrow and Chair Helm,

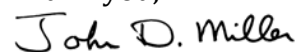
I continually look for opportunities to invest my energy and resources in efforts that benefit Oregon's people and economy. For too long the playing field for investment in businesses that produce clean energy has been tilted towards enterprises that have no incentives to protect clean air, water or reduce carbon emissions. I am writing in support of SB 1507 and HB 4001, the Clean Energy Jobs bills, which provide incentives that will encourage practices leading to healthier Oregonians and a healthier Oregon economy.

I speak from decades of experience. I've pioneered sustainable practices in urban design and development, sustainable agriculture and invested in young pioneers such as the Sequential Biofuels team. Climate change is real and represents the greatest, and accelerating, threat the world has ever seen. Business can play an important role in healing the wounds we have inflicted if given the proper tools.

The process that you and the other legislators led during the interim has resulted in a proposed program that is balanced and meets the needs of Oregon. It balances participation and ongoing representation from across the state and amongst key stakeholders, and ensures that investment will be made in rural and urban parts of the state, including protecting working lands.

Thank you for all your hard work to develop such a balanced program that will benefit all of Oregon.

Thank you,



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