

To my representation in Oregon's Congress,

I plead with you. Pass the Clean Energy Jobs bill this year. As a realtor who works in both Lincoln City and Portland, I am seeing increased natural disasters and extreme weather impact affordability and safety of our communities. As a lifelong western Oregonian I bristle at the notion of central A/C. But, it's quickly becoming a requirement of Portland buyers. RMLS just added the 500 year flood map to its user interface due to popular demand, as Oregonians fear and plan for the inevitable increase & likelihood of extreme weather events. I remember 1996. I saw what happened in Houston. We'd be crazy to think it won't happen here, and that it won't continue to get worse unless we DO SOMETHING. Many of those who *can afford it* in my community are installing robust air filtration in their homes, in order to stem the health impacts that pollution from fires, freeways and more have had on their families. Those who can't afford it suffer the consequences, and we all share the economic burdens. Even mortgage rates may be affected. [Moody's warns that mortgage bond ratings may be downgraded](#) for places without adequate climate plans. Oregon has an opportunity to build a new energy economy if we seek to lead on climate now. Or, we could stick our heads in the sand and have rapidly compounding affordability problems on our hands. Please don't ignore yet again, our responsibility to lead, and to finally pass a cap and invest program.

I know Oregon can't do this alone, but we're not. We're joining with the west coast, and the rest of the world. Our national government is not leading. That is no excuse for Oregon. In fact, it's an opportunity and a call to action. The best states will show the best leadership, take action, and provide the state examples that the national government can implement when the time comes soon---and I strongly believe the time will come. When that time does come, because of your leadership, Oregon will be poised to reap the benefits of its early adoption and preparedness in creating the best jobs and businesses of the new Clean Energy economy.

Thank you for your time and your necessary leadership,

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