



House Rules Committee
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

February 21, 2018

Chair Williamson and members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Oregon Climate and Agriculture Network, and representing over 141 agricultural stakeholders in Oregon, I am writing in strong support of HB 4001 also known as the Clean Energy Jobs bills. As of today, 141 agricultural stakeholders including farmers, ranchers, and vintners have signed on to the attached letter urging the Oregon State Legislature to pass the Clean Energy Jobs bill this session.

The Oregon Climate and Agriculture Network promotes wide-spread adoption of agricultural practices relevant to Oregon producers which effectively sequester carbon in the soil and mitigate climate change such as integrated cover crops and crop rotations, additions of organic matter, no-till practices, conservation tillage, and rotational grazing.

Opportunities for Agriculture in the Clean Energy Jobs Bill

When climate change exposes our crops to extreme and unpredictable temperatures, our yields and economic security are threatened. Severe storms, droughts, and floods lead to decreases in crop yields, soil erosion, infrastructure damage and disease/insect infestation. Many regions of Oregon are already experiencing these changes. We need strong climate policy to protect Oregon agriculture.

Proceeds from the Cap and Invest program would be directed to projects that mitigate climate change and reduce impacts on those most impacted by climate change. The bill funds agricultural practices that sequester carbon in the soil, purchases of energy efficient equipment, and improvements to agricultural land.

Farmers may benefit from the policy in multiples ways:

- 1) when Oregon does it's part to stabilize the climate;
- 2) from grant funds to adopt/maintain climate-friendly practices; and/or
- 3) from selling credits generated by offset projects (certified emission reductions) to regulated parties.

Grant Funds

Revenue would go to several grant programs including a Climate Investments Fund. 20% of this Fund is for investments that increase carbon sequestration/storage and heightened resiliency in natural and working lands, including agriculture and rangelands. Additionally, 20% can be used in any areas of Oregon for projects that either (i) reduce greenhouse gas emissions and make communities more resilient to the effects of climate change or (ii) increase carbon sequestration and heightened resiliency in natural and working lands (including agricultural land).

Offset Credits

Agriculture and Forestry, the two uncapped sectors, can generate offsets credits for projects which sequester carbon over time. These offset credits can be sold or traded to regulated parties. The bill allows for aggregation of offset projects in order to increase the economic efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction benefits of small offset projects, such as smaller farms that may want to participate. An offset represents a verified emission reduction of 1 ton CO₂e from uncapped sector. The offset must be: real, permanent, quantifiable, verifiable, enforceable, and additional.

Agriculture as Part of the Solution

One of agriculture's major opportunities to help mitigate climate change lies in improving soil management techniques to increase organic content, thereby removing carbon from the atmosphere. Oregon's farmers can be part of the solution by adopting practices that sequester carbon in the soil and reducing energy use.

Farms are an important part of the solution to the problem of a changing climate, and this bill recognizes that.

Please do all you can to advance this important legislation in the 2018 Legislative Session. Thank you for your service and your action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan Kemple". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right from the end of the name.

Megan Kemple
Oregon Climate and Agriculture Network

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Governor Kate Brown, Senate President Peter Courtney, Senate Minority Leader Jackie Winters, House Speaker Tina Kotek, House Minority Leader Mike McLane, and Members of the Oregon Legislature,

We, the farmers, ranchers, vintners, farm workers, forest workers, fishers, and other agricultural stakeholders of Oregon, support the Clean Energy Jobs Campaign. We urge your leadership in passing legislation that will limit climate pollution, provide a path for our rural communities to transition to cleaner energy and greater energy efficiency, and help our communities prepare for the impacts of a changing climate.

Our rural communities are observing dramatic changes in the climate, which we must address or lose our livelihoods. When climate change exposes our crops to extreme and unpredictable temperatures, our yields and economic security are threatened. Severe storms, droughts, and floods lead to decreases in crop yields, soil erosion, infrastructure damage and disease/insect infestation. Many regions of Oregon are already experiencing these changes and in 2015 the majority of Oregon's rural counties were in extreme drought, threatening our crops, livestock, and water supply. Rural communities and resources are threatened by climate change and are critical to effectively responding to the challenges presented by climate change. We urge our elected representatives in Salem to proactively address the issue at hand in a way that that supports rural communities.

The Clean Energy Jobs bill is a step in the right direction to ensure that Oregon limits climate pollution and plans ahead to address climate threats. The Clean Energy Jobs bill will also guarantee that there are necessary resources available to support rural communities and businesses in transitioning to clean and efficient energy.

We support the Clean Energy Jobs bill and ask our leaders in Salem to do the same.

Sincerely,

Spring Hill Farm, Albany
Bois Joli Vineyard, Amity
Brooks Winery, Amity
Crawford Beck Winery, Amity
Keeler Estate Vineyard, Amity
Barking Moon Farm, LLC, Applegate
Ridgeline Meadows, Applegate
Bee Girl, Ashland
Hardy Seeds, Ashland
Willow-Witt Ranch, Ashland
Cooper Mountain Vineyards, Beaverton
Fields Farm, Bend
Radical Roots Farm, Bend
Windflower Farm LLC, Bend
Volcano Veggies LLC, Bend
Wintercreek Nursery, Bend
Bethel Springs Farm, Bethel Springs
Morning Shade Farm and Nursery, Canby
Anne Amie Vineyards, Carlton
Lemelson Vineyards, Carlton
Soter Vineyards, Carlton
East Fork Cultivars, Cave Junction
My Brothers' Farm, Creswell
Crooked Furrow Farm, Corvallis
Fern Hill Nursery, Cottage Grove
Rainbow Orchards, Cove
Archery Summit, Dayton
Palmer Creek Nursery LLC, Dayton
Sokol Blosser, Dayton
Stoller Family Estate, Dayton
Sanctuary Produce Farm, Dallas
Ruby and Amber's Organic Oasis, Dorena
Rocking C Ranch, Douglas County
Lange Estate Winery, Dundee
Terrarossa Vineyard, Dundee
Winderlea Winery, Dundee
Rosebud Llamas, Eagle Point
Brandborg Winery, Elkton
River's Edge Winery, Elkton
Camas Swale Farm, Eugene
Farmers' Union, Inc., Eugene
Honor Earth Farm LLC, Eugene
Little Wings Farm, Eugene
Living Earth Farm, Eugene
Moondog's Farm, Eugene
Organically Grown Company, Eugene

Willamette Farm and Food Coalition, Eugene
Hyla Woods, Forest Grove
MC Farms, Hillsboro
Heart Catcher Wines, Hood River
Root and Cane Vineyard Services, LLC,
Hood River
Phelps Creek Vineyards, Hood River
Cowhorn Vineyard and Garden, Jacksonville
Klamath-Siskiyou Native Seeds, Jacksonville
Salant Family Ranch, Jacksonville
Siskiyou Sustainable Co-op, Jacksonville
Wolf Gulch Farm, Jacksonville
Deck Family Farm, Junction City
Lonesome Whistle Farm, Junction City
Big Basin Ranch, Kimberly
Nourished with Nature Inc, Lebanon
The Mushroomery, Lebanon
Fern's Edge Goat Dairy, Lowell
Lost Creek Farm LLC, Marcola
Imperial Stock Ranch, Maupin
Kelley Fox Wines, McMinnville
Maysara Winery, McMinnville
Meredith Mitchell Vineyards, McMinnville
Momtazi Vineyards, McMinnville
Fry Family Farm, Medford
Alexeli Vineyard & Winery, Molalla
Drizzlewood Farm, Molalla
Airlie Winery, Monmouth
Paradigm Farms LLC, Mosier
Big Lick Farms, Myrtle Creek
Rising Moon Ranch, Myrtle Creek
Corvus Landing Farm, Neskowin
A to Z Wineworks, Newberg
Adelsheim, Newberg
Alexana Vineyards, Newberg
Chehalem Winery, Newberg
Clos Gallia Vineyard, Newberg
Domaine Divio Winery, Newberg
Nicolas-Jay, Newberg
Potters Vineyard, Newberg
VIDON Vineyard, Newberg
Meadow Harvest LLC, Nehalem
North Fork 53 Farm, Nehalem
R-evolutionary Gardens, Nehalem
Winter Green Farm, Noti
Triple Oak Vineyard, Oakland
Gerber Family Farm, Oregon City

Lumos Wine Company, Philomath
Farmageddon Grower's Collective, Portland
Great River Farm, Portland
Honey River LLC, Portland
Independence Gardens LLC, Portland
Lil' Starts, Portland
Middle Mountain Farm LLC, Portland
Naomi's Organic Farm Supply, Portland
Portland Ashwagandha Farm, Portland
Viola Wine Cellars, Portland
Zenger Farms, Portland
Crooked River Bison Ranch, Prineville
Prineville Lavender, Prineville
Timber Creek Farm, Redmond
Farmers Table Grapes, Rickreall
Zena Forest Products, Rickreall
Abacela, Roseburg
Black Dog Woods LLC, Roseburg
Linnea Marie Farms, Roseburg
Bethel Heights Winery, Salem
Mahonia Vineyards and Nursery, Salem
Zenith Vineyard, Salem
Carabella Vineyard, Sherwood
Ransom Spirits, Sheridan
Seed to Table Farm, Sisters
A Peaceful Sanctuary, Springfield
Phoenix Farm, Springfield
Sublime Organics LLC, Sublimity
Aurora Vines, Talent
Plant Oregon, Talent
Quail Run Vineyards, Talent
Upper Five Vineyard, Talent
Volcano Ridge Vineyards, The Dalles
Coyote Moon Farm, Tillamook
Carman Ranch, Wallowa
Fog Hollow Farm, Walton
Shady Creek Forest Resources, Walton
Siskiyou Seeds, Williams
White Oak Farm, Williams
Wild Rose Vineyard, Winston
Franchere Wine Company, Woodburn
Mossback Farm, Yamhill
Saffron Fields, Yamhill
Tonnelier Vineyards, Yamhill
Hayhurst Valley Organic Farm, Yoncalla
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