

January 13, 2020

Senate Interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
Chair, Senator Michael Dembrow
Vice-Chair, Senator Alan Olsen
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Dembrow and Vice-Chair Olsen:

We are writing on behalf of the Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN), a coalition of Indivisible groups from across Oregon. Indivisible is a nationwide movement of thousands of volunteer-led local groups that engage in progressive advocacy and electoral work at the local, state and national level.

This letter is to let you know that we support strong, outcomes-focused legislation to effectively address climate change in the upcoming short session. Addressing climate change is critical for Oregon's future. We urge the Legislature to take immediate action in the 2020 session to protect our future and confirm Oregon's leadership in creating effective and innovative solutions.

We support the Clean Energy Jobs Coalition Policy Outcomes,

- Cap emissions to ensure Oregon meets its Greenhouse Gas Goals. Reduce emissions by 45% by 2035 and 80% by 2050, compared to 1990 levels.
- Price pollution: Reduce greenhouse gases, create regional partnerships and hold polluters accountable.
- Invest in climate solutions, especially in renewable energy and conservation. Create new opportunities and quality jobs, prioritizing investments in rural, tribal, and low-income impacted communities for an equitable and just transition to a clean energy economy.
- Governance: Inclusive representation and transparent accountability.

We strongly urge legislators to pivot from the fossil fuel past to the clean energy future, in advance of the February 2020 session.

Constituents from all districts will be closely watching during the 2020 Oregon short session to assess your work on climate legislation. We expect that all members will contribute to that discussion and be present to vote.

We believe our future on this planet requires reducing greenhouse gas emissions, promoting renewable energy, and increasing energy efficiency and conservation. The upcoming short legislative session should act to achieve these policy outcomes.

Sincerely,

The following members of the Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network.

Indivisible 97201	Indivisible Bend	Indivisible Clackamas
Indivisible Cedar Mill	Indivisible Eugene	Indivisible Hillsboro
Indivisible Progressive Yamhill	Indivisible Sisters	Klamath Indivisible
Union County Progressives (La Grande)	Nasty Women Get Shit Done	One Small Thing PDX
ORD2 Indivisible	Protect Oregon's Progress (The Dalles)	Indivisible Columbia Gorge
Rogue Indivisible (Grants Pass)	Rural Voices (Condon)	SW Portland Huddle
The Dalles Progressives	The Vocal Seniority (Bend)	Wallowa Action Group (Postcardia)
Florence Indivisible		

The Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network represents thousands of Oregon voters across the state and is dedicated to making our state a safer, healthier and environmentally supportive place to live. Contact us at mary.d.chaffin@gmail.com.

cc. All other members of the Senate
All members of the House of Representatives
Governor Kate Brown