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My name is Shilpa Joshi and I'm the coalition director for Renew Oregon. I'm here today in support of HB 2020.

For 3 years, I've been organizing dozens of organizations and community groups around two central themes: Oregon must act to protect those already suffering from climate impacts, and Oregonians deserve the economic development and resiliency we gain from moving to a clean energy economy.

Our coalition is made up of environmental advocates, labor unions, community of color organizations, public health groups, Tribes and Tribal advocates, faith organizations, sustainable forestry groups. Additionally, over 250 farms and over 800 small businesses throughout Oregon have endorsed their support of the Clean Energy Jobs campaign.

We came together because of the urgency of this issue, and the immense opportunities we could bring to those struggling to make ends meet across the state.

We agree the bill must have strong environmental integrity, meaning we have an economy wide cap with interim targets for reduction and that centers equity. We firmly believe communities can benefit with targeted reinvestment. All large emitters need to be under the cap.

In its most essential form, HB 2020 is about responsibility. When we throw trash on the street, we get fined. We bear the responsibility of paying to have our trash picked up. Similarly, corporations have been polluting the atmosphere with trash in the form of greenhouse gas emissions, except they aren't paying for them. Their profits are privatized, but the losses we feel - droughts, wildfires, warming oceans, rising asthma and heart disease

rates - those losses are born by the public, and we have to find ways collectively to pay for them.

So the coalition drafted a position statement last year to outline what a strong Clean Energy Jobs bill looks like. We need a bill that sets meaningful emission reduction standards to ensure Oregon meets its greenhouse gas reduction goals. We need a bill that requires all major polluters are participating in the program, with as few free allowances and exemptions . We need to prioritize those most impacted by climate change - low-income families, rural communities, Tribes, and communities of color - when targeting investment projects, in order to build an equitable and just transition to a clean energy economy. We need a bill that requires inclusive representation in the governance structure and transparent accountability for how investment dollars are spent.

To that end, we need to see percentage allocations of investment dollars added back in the bill, following the language in 2018's SB 1507.