

To Whom It May Concern:

First thank you for reading my testimony. I am writing in support of the Clean Energy Jobs Bill. Many others have made it clear that this legislation will support local business, help our economy, raise much needed revenue and have many other benefits.

On the other side of this issue, many have stated that this bill will do almost nothing to actually impact global climate change so we shouldn't pass it. I strongly disagree. By that measure, not one person on this planet should do anything to combat climate change because one person alone cannot make a significant impact. This logic leads us to a planet that will no longer support human life in the future. On the other side of the coin, it has been collective human action that has brought us to this point and it will be collective action that will lead us out of climate change (if we choose that route). Oregon has an opportunity to be part of the collective solution along with other states, individuals, counties, municipalities and other countries. We all must do what we can as quickly as we can and hopefully our collective action will be enough to ward off the most devastating impacts of climate change. In addition to a reduction in Oregon's carbon emissions and an increase in revenue to support our communities, this legislation could encourage other communities and states to pass similar policy to reduce their own emissions. Perhaps this would be the most important outcome of the Clean Energy Jobs Bill.

I would like to make one final point; this legislation should be crafted, as much as possible, to mitigate the financial impacts to those who can least afford them and are the most vulnerable. That means supporting the farmers in Eastern Oregon, low income rural Oregonians who must drive long distances to meet their basic needs, people of color, tribal members and those who struggle in cities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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