

I am writing in support of the clean energy jobs bill. As a grandparent, I want nothing more than to leave behind a livable planet. A livable planet is also essential to a healthy economy in the long term. It is clear that humanity will need to make a transition away from a fossil fuel based economy in the near future, if we are to preserve any quality of life on this planet. The clean energy jobs bill is a step in the direction of creating a framework for a smooth transition away from fossil fuels.

I have heard a lot of fear expressed about the possibility of increasing gas prices. I remember when gas cost 19 cents a gallon. Yes, gas prices are going to increase, as they always have, but not because of the clean energy jobs bill. The clean energy jobs bill provides a foundation for finding alternatives to expensive, increasingly limited and dirty fossil fuels while providing some stability during the transition. We are not going to avoid the cliff, of climate chaos, we are facing by doing nothing, but we can find a path around it by working together.

The clean energy jobs bill will support the kind of changes that are needed to build an economy that can provide good jobs now and in the future, It is time that we require carbon producers to pay their garbage bill, so that we can clean up the mess we have created. I believe that this is an opportunity to build an a better future for our children while providing opportunity in the present. I urge your support of this bill, at this time.

Sincerely,
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