



November 15, 2021

Subject: Please vote YES on the nomination of Amelia Reiver Schlusser to serve on the Environmental Quality Commission

Dear Chair Wagner, Vice-Chair Knopp, and Members of the Senate Rules Committee,

On behalf of the undersigned labor, public health, environmental justice, and climate organizations, we urge you to support the confirmation of Amelia (Amy) Reiver Schlusser for the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC).

Our nation and state is at a critical juncture in addressing both our climate crisis and income inequality. Now more than ever, Oregon needs leaders in government who are committed to ensuring the responsible stewardship of our air and natural resources for the benefit of climate and the health and economic well-being of frontline communities and workers.

Schlusser is an experienced attorney with expertise in air quality, energy, and water law. The EQC currently does not have an attorney on the commission, and Schlusser would fill this void. As the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) takes on more climate and energy policy work, it is critical to have someone with Schlusser's legal background and policy expertise. Her legal work has covered diesel emissions, air quality, and climate, and she is well versed in DEQ rulemaking processes. Schlusser also has robust experience in policy analysis, including compliance and enforcement for all regulated entities, which is key to setting a level playing field for all actors.

As noted, we need more candidates who can take on the interests of climate, health impacts of climate change, frontline communities, and workers, while continuing to support a thriving economy in Oregon. Many industry stakeholders and employers who ask for exemptions from or additional incentives for a clean energy transition are oftentimes the same entities that lock out workers, fight to deny worker compensation claims, and challenge or ignore existing state laws aimed to protect community and workers health, safety, and economic well-being.

We urge you to support the interests of Oregon's workers, climate, and frontline communities by **voting yes on Amy Schlusserr's nomination to the EQC.**

Signed,

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Climate Solutions
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 48
Metropolitan Alliance for Workforce Equity
NW Energy Coalition
NW Regional Carpenters
Oregon AFL-CIO
Oregon AFSCME 75
Oregon Environmental Council
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Oregon Public Health Association
Oregon Wild
Service Employees International Union 503