

To: House Committee on Energy and Environment  
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Oregon must do more to prevent the serious fires and storms caused by climate change. My husband and I were without power for six days during the ice storm in mid-February and are still cleaning up from the downed tree branches.

Thanks to the legislature, Oregon has made some progress in reducing coal use, but between 2012 and 2018 we increased our use of fossil gas by 57%. We cannot meet our climate goals with such a trend. Oregon still gets half its power from fossil fuels and is currently projected to become the dirtiest energy grid on the West Coast. Electrifying transportation and buildings is the right direction to take for our future energy needs, but not if the electricity is generated by fossil fuels.

16 states, including Washington and California have committed to 100% clean energy, through legislation, executive order, or PUC order.

Now is the time to pass HB 2021. As Oregon steers toward a post-COVID-19 economic recovery, we have a critical opportunity to add thousands of family-wage jobs and address the worsening climate crisis by investing in the clean energy sector. At the beginning of 2020, nearly 57,000 Oregonians worked in clean energy, representing 58% of all energy sector jobs. The renewable energy market has grown steadily in the past decade, and more industry experts and financial advisors than ever are pointing to the writing on the wall: renewables—not fossil fuels—are the sure-bet energy investment of the future.