



March 16, 2021

Pam Marsh, Chair
House Committee on Energy and Environment
C/O Tessa Harvey, Committee Assistant
900 Court Street NE, Room 453
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Representative Marsh,

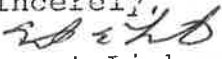
The Douglas County Global Warming Coalition representing 450 residents of rural Douglas County strongly supports the passage of HB 2021, the 100% Clean Energy For All Bill. This legislation is critical to meeting the goal of achieving greenhouse gas emission reductions consistent with what the best science is recommending.

As a rural community that has been devastated by climate change induced wildfires, we know full well how critical it is for Oregon to do its share to substantially reduce climate pollution. HB 2021 represents a significant step forward in this effort. Clean, renewable energy which includes wind and solar are now the cutting edge technologies that will move our nation forward. Oregon needs to fully embrace these fossil fuel free sources that mean jobs for our workers and a healthy climate for our children.

This bill sets interim targets which ensure rapid and verifiable progress is made. By requiring utilities to invest in resiliency, the integrity of the grid will be protected.

The Douglas County Global Warming Coalition is an all-volunteer organization which has worked on positive solutions to the climate crisis for seventeen years. The science has made it clear that we must act with the greatest sense of urgency if we are to avert the worst impacts of climate change. HB 2021 is an essential answer to this call for action. We strongly urge passage of this important bill.

Sincerely,


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