

April 5, 2021

House Energy & Environment Committee
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

RE: House Bill 2021

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Brock Smith, Vice-Chair Helm, and members of the committee:

I appreciate and support the Committee's continuing hard work to combine the best elements of the various amendments of HB-2021 in order to bring a 100% clean policy to Oregon thereby joining our neighboring states on the west coast who have already done so.

Although the -5 language is not yet available, it appears from today's testimony that key interests from a wide range of stakeholders are being thoughtfully considered. Our state is fortunate in that its abundant offshore wind, solar and onshore wind can supply enough clean energy to meet the requirements of HB-2021. These renewable resources can provide the climate impact the bill strives to attain, but most environmental justice, economic and community benefits will depend on whether projects are built here or out-of-state. If the right policy choices are incorporated in the final bill, HB-2021 will help deliver the climate, as well as these other benefits.

Sincerely,

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