

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Helm, Vice-Chair Brock Smith, and Members of the House Committee on Energy & Environment,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2021 with the -5 and -9 amendments, the 100% Clean Energy for All bill. I am a 20 year old resident of Eugene and have lived in Oregon my entire life. From the time I first learned about the climate crisis as a child, I have been scared about our collective future and felt betrayed in observing that political leaders were not taking the bold action needed to minimize human suffering and ecological collapse and support a just and sustainable future for all of us. This sense of urgency and love for my community, natural environment, and fellow people fueled me to get involved in climate justice organizing in early high school, including participating in a statewide student effort to advocate for climate action in the Oregon Legislature. Since then I have been thoroughly committed to this movement, volunteering my time with school environmental organizations and grassroots community based efforts such as the Sunrise Movement. My deep concern about the climate crisis has shaped my life in a way few other things have, influencing how I spend my time, the communities I am apart of, and the academic and career specializations I have pursued in university.

I am thrilled at the opportunities presented by the 100% Clean Energy for All bill, and greatly heartened by the possibility it presents for Oregon to take action on climate at the scale of the crisis at hand, while prioritizing equity and economic, social, and racial justice. Rebuilding our energy system for decarbonization and resilience is not only key to mitigating the climate crisis, it is an immense opportunity for creating good quality jobs for Oregonians and ensuring that communities that have been and continue to be hardest hit by environmental injustices are prioritized in the transition process.

Thank you for your time and please support this critical legislation.

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