I strongly support House Bill 2021 with the -5 and -9 amendments, the 100% Clean Energy for All bill.

This is a crucial energy policy for economic recovery. With the COVID-19 pandemic, wildfires, ice storms, and widespread lost income, there’s never been a more important time for energy policy that helps us all recover and build back—especially those who have been hit hardest. Investing in clean energy means investing in good jobs for Oregon workers, and this bill has strong labor standards to make sure clean energy projects hire local, pay the prevailing wage and provide good benefits, and provide opportunities for apprenticeships.

The -9 amendment is particularly important for distributing the benefits of renewable energy to Oregonians and bolstering community resilience in the face of the deepening climate crisis. This amendment invests $50 million in new community-based renewable energy projects to be awarded to Tribal and local governments to create opportunities for community-owned energy paired with battery backup and microgrids to increase energy affordability and disaster resilience. Community-based energy projects means local generation and ownership to increase independence.

I urge you to show your support for a strong 100% Clean Energy Standard with good jobs and community-based energy projects for Oregonians.

Sincerely,
Emily Krafft