

Co-Chairs Johnson, Steiner Hayward and Rayfield, and members of the committee:

My name is Jacob Reece and I live in Bend and work in Prineville.

As a project engineer in construction with an accounting background, who is taking the opportunity to gain the valuable LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) Certification, I see the value in transitioning to a clean energy economy as soon as possible. I ask that as you consider how to use federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act and balance the state budget, you fully fund our transition to a clean energy economy through funding existing climate programs and future additions.

I believe that we need to balance the budget, but we can't wait to invest in our future.

Living in Central Oregon, our population is growing and it is straining our transportation infrastructure. Now is the time to support and use funding to invest in transportation electrification and climate-smart transportation planning at ODOT and the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD).

Investing in new and existing technologies can help us stay relevant as the nation transitions to a green energy economy, and save us costs down the line in mitigating climate impacts that reduce our state's water and destroy our forests that provide a sustainable natural resource for construction. I would like to see more renewable energy and green economy jobs supported through the 2021-2023 budget.

Thank you,

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