

February 7, 2018

Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee and House Energy and Environment Committee

Re: SB 1507 and HB 4001

Dear Committee Members.

As a resident of Marion County, a retired Nike executive, an arbitrator and mediator of commercial disputes, chair of two significant Oregon non-profits (including Oregon Shakespeare Festival) and a trustee of one of the most prominent foundations in Oregon, I write to add my strong support for the Clean Energy Jobs bills pending before your two committees.

The fact and genesis of climate change is no longer arguable. Its impact on our state and its citizens is undeniable. Controlling carbon emissions is the common-sense imperative for beginning in earnest a battle against climate change. Simply because it is complicated to do, or because there will be some winners and some losers, is at the end of the day not excuse for sitting on our hands.

Please work hard to get these bills through committee, on to the floor, and passed into law.

Regards,

Peter H. Koehler, Jr.