

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

My name is Francesca Fox-Gitomer, I live in southwest Portland and I am in 11th grade. Today I testify in support of House Bill 2021, 100% Clean Energy For All.

HB2021 ensures Oregon communities will benefit from the transition to renewable energy. At seventeen, I am a young member of my Portland community, but I have witnessed the impacts of wildfires, and other extreme weather events. I also know that there are other members of my community who face more extreme consequences from the use of fossil fuels. BIPOC communities are subject to the harshest outcomes at the hand of anthropogenic climate change.

The Oregon legislature has the chance to change this. We can build an energy economy that provides jobs with prevailing wages and benefits for community members who might not otherwise get an opportunity. We can incentivize community based energy projects. We can prioritize BIPOC, low-income, and rural Oregonians to combat the harms these environmental justice communities are subject to.

Please support a strong 100% Clean Energy Standard for Oregonians.

Thank you for listening,  
Francesca Fox-Gitomer