

House Bill 2021, 100% Clean Energy for All

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Growing up in small rural places and being able to see clearly the blue sky and smelling the fresh air was wonderful, it was a gift and a privilege; It was like a free right given to me while I lived in my ranch. Whenever we didn't have electricity we would use candles and cover ourselves with tons of blankets. It seems like we weren't affecting our planet by the decisions we were doing. But there were also places like in the Cities where the environment seemed to be different. Where people seem to live in a bad and unhealthy air bubble. Whenever I visit big cities, it feels more overcrowded, it's like if it is ruled by a bunch of companies polluting our world. Our planet is dying slowly by the effects of greenhouse gases for bad decisions made by powerful people whose decisions affect all humanity. Those decisions affect mostly minorities and low income communities and our most vulnerable countries. That's why I'm writing this letter in support for House Bill 2021, 100% Clean Energy for All and beg for your attention to this matter.

We have been suffering in silence from greenhouse gases that have been affecting our planet and health for the past decades. People having lung illnesses because they don't have an option and end up living near an electric plant. Dams who are useful, but could also affect the calm water on the other side making it slightly toxic for fish and humans. Unsecure pipelines that could potentially explode contaminating the air and putting people in danger. People living in 3rd world countries who have suffered from asthma and other breathing problems due to greenhouse gases. Climate disasters affect all of us, no matter the economic status or their race.

The fight against greenhouse gases isn't something new to the world, but we tend to look away because some of us think it is not affecting us directly. It is time to make a change, I beg you committee with all respect to please put yourselves in the shoes of those who are most affected by greenhouse gases.

There could be many benefits with 100% clean energy for example.

-We will be combating climate change.

-We can have a decrease in pollution making healthier people.

-Creating these renewable energy resources won't create much emission to our planet.

-Renewable energy will never run out.

-The cost to operate Renewable energy will be low, and prices could be stable for longer periods of time.

-We can have a reliable source for energy.

-We could create new jobs for our community

-By creating renewable energy we could have a more reliable energy source whenever a storm or any other kind of weather disaster might strike us. (Like what happened to the thousands of people in Texas, not being able to have electricity while in the city there were huge buildings having electricity day and night. An example of inequality and an unfair equilibrium of rights, where the wealthy don't get to suffer.)

-There are also advantages with wind and solar photovoltaics in the way that they are cheaper than conventional energy.

-These clean energies are just more adaptive to natural cycles making our clean energy a sustainable energy system.

It can be challenging, but having 100% Clean Energy is an alternative for greenhouse gases.

Those of us trying to fight to create a better environment can't do it by ourselves. We have a dream that is to live in a less polluted world. In a place where we can all benefit from this project, including minorities and low income families. This is a project that hopefully will benefit all of our communities. Our kids and the most vulnerables deserve to live in a safer and healthier place, with no economic burdens.

I invite you to work with us to accomplish this dream that doesn't affect anyone, on the contrary it makes us more conscious to love and respect