Dear representatives - I write in support of HB 2021. Please support a strong 100% Clean Energy Standard with good jobs and community-based energy projects for Oregonians. We need this research into how our legal system can create strong labor standards that ensure clean energy projects hire local, pay the prevailing wage and provide good benefits, and reserve opportunities for apprenticeships. We need good incentives for community-based energy projects such as solar plus storage that increase energy independence, affordability, and disaster-resilience. And finally, we need provisions that prioritize benefits and avoid harms to environmental justice communities including and especially for frontline communities such as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and people of color), low-income communities, Tribes, and rural and coastal communities.

Thank you for your service and supporting this bill. Susan Palmiter