



My name is Mary Chaffin, and I live in Sisters, in Deschutes County, OR. I am writing not just on behalf of myself but also on behalf of Act for Democracy, a non-partisan grassroots organization with over 800 members and followers. As an affiliate of the national Indivisible movement, the mission of Act for Democracy is to sustain democracy through grassroots initiatives that capitalize on our members' skills and relationships in order to advance and promote progressive legislation and support worthy issues.

Act for Democracy strongly supports HB 2021, the "100% Clean Energy Bill for All." This bill will codify the commitments that many public utilities have made to reduce their greenhouse emissions, culminating in a 100% reduction by 2040. If crafted appropriately, it will also provide incentives for the creation of good jobs that hire local Oregonians, pay prevailing wage, and provide apprenticeship opportunities as well as community-based projects that increase independence, energy affordability, and disaster resilience

Providing these incentives is vitally important. I have installed solar panels on two residences, and the presence of state and federal incentives was an important factor in my being able to make the decision to generate much of my energy requirements.

It is past time for Oregon to take these necessary measures to mitigate the already visible effects of climate crisis. The fires that consumed over one million acres of forest land, destroyed entire towns, and blanketed the state in hazardous smoke and fumes for weeks in September 2020 are evidence of that. HB 2021 is an important step forward and Act for Democracy and I urge the Legislature to pass it without delay.

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