

Dear Representative Marsh and members of the House Energy and Environment Committee,

Climate change is a grave threat to us. We need to act quickly to prevent the worst effects. Shifting our economy to clean electricity is one of our most potent tools in this effort.

I strongly encourage bolstering HB2021 as the legislation to hasten this transition to a grid based on renewable energy. Maximizing novel sources of energy such as offshore wind, onshore wind and solar has the potential to turn Oregon into a net exporter of electricity, acting as a huge boost to our economy. Pairing this with electrification of our transportation fleet will create the reductions in greenhouse pollution that are needed to safeguard the future for our grandchildren.

We need a bill that will create well-paying, local jobs in the renewable energy sector. We need to focus on disaster-resilient, community-based projects that are good for Oregonians and reduce pollution by achieving 100% clean energy as soon as possible. We have no time to waste in taking action to address climate change. And in doing this, we must ensure that low-income, rural, coastal, and BIPOC communities see the benefits of clean energy.

We are at a pivotal moment with the opportunity to revitalize our economy, provide great jobs, reduce illness by cleaning our air, address crucial justice issues, and make Oregon a leader. Please be bold and courageous! The time is now.

Respectfully,

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