

To: Chair Marsh and Members of the House Energy and Environment Committee
From: Rand Schenck
Date: April 6, 2021
Re: HB 2021 – Clean Energy for All

I urge you to pass a strong 100% Clean Energy bill. I have a granddaughter who will likely be alive to greet the 21st century when it arrives. The science is clear: we will not have a habitable earth unless we leave most of our fossil fuel in the ground and transition as rapidly as possible to renewable energy resources. I want my daughter to live in a world that is not facing catastrophic wildfires, draughts, sea-level rise, floods. Oregon needs to be one of the leaders in helping us transition to a more livable future and this bill will ensure that we are doing our part.

We know that transitioning to 100% clean energy is the right thing to do – we have bi-partisan support for this as a large majority of Oregonians support renewable energy. And now the cost of renewables has fallen to a level where this is the most economical way to provide our future energy.

Another huge benefit is jobs. The fastest growing field of jobs are renewables – solar panel installers and those working to build and maintain wind turbines. We can provide good paying jobs and most of these jobs will benefit folks where we have the greatest need for economic development, rural areas.

Please do all you can to see that the 100% Clean Energy for All Act, HB 2021 passes this year.

Sincerely,
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