

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Helm, Vice-Chair Brock Smith, and Members of the House Committee on Energy & Environment,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2021, with the -5 and -9 amendments, the 100% Clean Energy for All bill.

My name is Emily Stebbins, and I live in Portland. I am a Montessori elementary teacher, but I spend most of these pandemic days on video calls with my students. In between teaching and supporting their work, I find things to do to stop climate change.

Maria Montessori said, “The child is both a hope and a promise for mankind.” But young people can only fulfill that hope and promise if we can give them a world with air they can breathe, water they can drink, work that fulfills them, and pay that sustains them.

Please support House Bill 2021, with the -5 and -9 amendments, and make sure that Oregon communities benefit from the transition to clean energy. Communities in Oregon that are struggling the most from the pandemic and its economic impacts, extreme weather events, and wildfires must be the same communities that benefit from clean energy. That is why the Oregon legislature must take action.

We already bought a surplus of box fans and air filters, which are sitting unwrapped in the garage, to get our family through the next fire season. But this is not the Oregon we want to live in. We need to put the brakes on climate change as soon as possible. With all the strong, capable people in our state, many of whom are in need of meaningful, well-paying work, there is no reason we can't do just that.

We can build a clean energy economy. We can make sure Oregon's 100% Clean Energy Standard serves the people who need it most by including:

- **Strong labor standards** so that clean energy projects hire local, pay the prevailing wage and provide good benefits, and reserve opportunities for apprenticeships.
- **Good incentives for community-based energy projects** such as solar plus storage that increase energy independence, affordability, and disaster-resilience.
- **Provisions that prioritize benefits and avoid harm** to BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and people of color), low-income communities, Tribes, and rural and coastal communities.

Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2021, with the -5 and -9 amendments. Please support a strong 100% Clean Energy Standard with good jobs and community-based energy projects for Oregonians.

Sincerely,  
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