

Chair Nathanson and Members of the House Committee on Revenue,

I am writing in support of HB 2021, amendment 23. I encourage your committee to advance this bill in the 2021 legislative process.

HB 2021 is a vital piece of Oregon's Climate Action Plan in requiring 100% clean energy supply by 2040, including aggressive interim targets for 2030 and 2035. The bill's provisions for a just transition for displaced workers, strong labor standards and community-based projects are a critical pieces of Oregon's climate policy. HB 2021's approach to direct benefits in Oregon and Oregon's communities is vital.

As a person of faith, it is important to me that we enact HB 2021 now to preserve the Earth's climate for future generations. It's also important to me that we advance justice as part of Oregon's climate policy by addressing historic inequities and making sure that we care for Oregon's energy workers.

HB 2021-23 will enable quick transformation of Oregon's energy system to one that is 100% clean, while ensuring that the transformation is achieved in a just manner. Please advance HB 2021-23.

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