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To: Members of the Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee and
Members of the House Committee on Energy & Environment

I have spent much of the last ten years, in both California and Oregon, working as a volunteer with two nonprofits deeply committed to expediting the transition from fossil fuels to clean energy – 350.org and the Sierra Club.

As we move toward the end of the first month of the Oregon Legislative Session of 2017, I am happy to say that both organizations are strong backers of the strongest possible version of SB 557 – the Clean Energy and Good Jobs Bill.

For the following three reasons, I am planning, as a citizen lobbyist, to take advantage of every opportunity I have to support SB 557:

First, an economy-wide, science-based declining cap on Green House Gas emissions is widely believed to be the most powerful available expediter of the transition from fossil fuels to clean energy.

Second, the revenue that will be produced by such a cap & price program will finance the program and will bolster the development of many thousands of clean energy jobs.

Third, this legislation will establish a just transition for those portions of Oregon's population who are most vulnerable to climate degradation – communities of color, impoverished communities, and rural areas.

I urge you with all my heart to move this piece of legislation across the finish line as rapidly as possible.