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I'm here today because climate change is real. We must work out ways to both live with the changes that are now affecting us and stop those changes from escalating.

In Oregon we have the opportunity to do our part to reduce emissions, invest in clean energy and create policies that protect those hardest hit by the effects of climate change: that is our rural areas and industries, low-income communities and communities of color.

The development of renewable energy in Oregon is already an economic lifeline in Boardman and Morrow counties where the construction and maintenance of wind energy is generating revenue for those counties, school districts and towns.

We are not inventing the wheel here. California, 9 northeastern states and much of Canada have pollution pricing systems that work.

Oregon must not keep putting off setting and enforcing greenhouse gas emissions.

Let us do what's right. Put a price on carbon and methane, create jobs and help Oregon's economy in the process. Clean energy investments in Oregon have already directly created 5,300 jobs and indirectly supported 48,000 Oregonians who are working in the clean energy economy.

In the US, the solar industry is adding workers at a rate 17 times faster than the overall economy. In Oregon, we are home to over 130 wind and solar companies and suppliers. Clean energy jobs offer employment at all skill levels from designers to custodians.

2 out of 3 Oregonians favor making large polluters pay. The federal government may eliminate regulations and tear up the Clean Power Plan, but Oregon can tax and reduce our emissions, create jobs and stimulate our economy in spite of the feds.

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