

Thank you for taking some of your time to focus on the Clean Energy Jobs Bill, SB 1507.

As a second generation organic and biodynamic winegrower in addition to being extremely proud of calling Oregon my home, it is my livelihood to plant deep roots, cultivate our soil, harvest our purely Oregon fruit, bottle it and ship it to tables around the world. It is in our mountains, our rivers, our beaches, our valleys that Oregon wine finds its uniqueness...it is our place in the world. Wine grapes are extremely sensitive to climate change. My parents came to Oregon to grow pinot noir because it was the wine grape that uniquely married itself to our place. Nowhere else in the world do pinot noirs taste like our pinot noirs and we have grown our business into international markets with our truly unique styles of wine given to us by the climate, the soil, the land that is Oregon.

Within our 40 years of growing in Oregon the past decade has brought us change- we joke that the only constant these days in the Oregon wine industry is change. In 2011 we experienced the latest harvest to date, while just 4 years later we witnessed our earliest. It's time for Oregon to transition from polluting energy to a clean energy economy. Our state is poised to reap the rewards of more jobs, clean air, and local, renewable energy if we limit and put a price on climate pollution and focus reinvestment in local communities. The threat of climate change on Oregon farmers, families and communities requires urgent action. In 2013 the Oregon Wine Industry had a 3.3 billion dollar impact, predominately driven by pinot noir. The time is ripe for a paradigm swing, we are ready for it.

Clean Energy Jobs bill will raise hundreds of millions of dollars per year to benefit Oregon communities across the state, putting Oregonians to work by making clean power like solar available to more people, improving energy efficiency in homes and businesses to save people money, building affordable housing near transit and investing in more transportation options.

Oregon lawmakers have been working on a cap-and-invest policy for more than a decade. The *Clean Energy Jobs* bill is more than ready. It's past time for Oregon to take major action. California, Quebec, Ontario, and 9 Northeastern states (soon to be 11) have cap-and-invest systems that work. In every state and province with

cap-and-invest there are: growing economies, falling emissions, stable energy prices, and thousands of jobs created. I support SB 1507.

History is our proof.

Let's make history.

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