

100% RENEWABLE ENERGY GOAL

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Comments to the Portland City Council on the Renewable Energy Resolution, June 1, 2017

Good Afternoon Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners:

I am Dr. Theodora Tsongas, an environmental health scientist/epidemiologist with 40 years' public health experience in State and Federal agencies as well as teaching appointments at the University of Colorado, Washington State University, and Portland State University. I am a member the Climate Change and Health Topic Committee of the American Public Health Association.

I want to commend you on a very thorough and comprehensive renewable energy resolution, that will contribute greatly to achieving Portland's share of the responsibility for responding to climate change. We must do all we can as a city and as a community to respond to this crisis. Thank you for this excellent resolution, *and your leadership.*

I have a major concern, however, and that is the necessity to understand that using biomass as a source of energy is not a way to address climate change, in fact, it is counterproductive. Biomass energy produces more carbon dioxide, methane and nitrogen dioxide than most fossil fuels per unit of energy created. And its implementation as an energy source will result in degradation of the carbon sequestration capacity of our forests, when increasing forest sequestration is essential to controlling and reducing atmospheric CO2 levels. The City must actively safeguard vital, living, forest ecosystems that generate clean drinking water, stabilize regional climates, and store carbon.

Furthermore, the language in the resolution excluding "biomass that does not minimize impacts to human and ecological health" can be interpreted in many ways to fit one's own agenda. How does one minimize the impacts to human and ecological health by replacing one carbon intensive fuel with another? The goal of addressing climate change becomes impossible to achieve. Therefore, I hope you will reconsider and exclude all biomass from the definition of renewable energy resources.

Finally, I support expanding green infrastructure to reduce energy demand.
Thank you for the opportunity to suggest changes to this well considered resolution.

Theodora Tsongas, PhD, MS
Portland, OR 97215

I just finished a college course on the science of climate change and paleo climatology and I'd like to share a few facts.

Over the past 600 million years, there have been 6 major extinctions. We all know about the meteor driven dinosaur extinction but the other 5 have been caused by climate changes brought about by natural shifts like those to the earth's orbit, the earth's tilt and it's wobble. But these huge climactic changes which resulted in mass extinctions took place over hundreds of thousands of years.

Today since the Industrial Revolution, we are altering the Earth's climate 5000 x times faster than the pace of the MOST natural warming period in our planet's past—read ever.. There is nothing natural about the altering of our climate today. Here's the TAKE AWAY: IT'S US. We all know it's us! We humans with our fossil fuels are doing in a flash what it takes mother nature many millennia to do.

The last time CO2 was at the today's level of 407 ppm humans did not even exist.

In the past 800,000 years, a period for which scientists have ice core records, methane naturally varied from 350 to 800 ppb. This year methane topped a whopping 2500 ppb.

According to NASA our average temperature has increased 2 degrees F. during the modern era but did you know that even if greenhouse gases were stabilized right now, the climate will still warm another 1.1 degree F.? It's baked in the cake.

While others dither and engage in counterfeit debates about the climate, Portland has been singular in it's past willingness to take action to move us off of fossil fuels. Today we can join with Aspen, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Ithaca N.Y . Georgetown TX and other cities across the U.S. to join the 100% renewable energy club. Let's be one of the leaders again and let others follow.

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: silentashes@gmail.com on behalf of Joseph Herbert <silentashes+personal@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 5:32 PM
To: Wheeler, Mayor; Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Eudaly; Commissioner Fish; Commissioner Saltzman; Council Clerk – Testimony
Cc: Joseph Herbert
Subject: "hydrogen" isn't renewable

I just saw the testimony from one individual.

NB points:

1)
Water vapor (output of hydrogen fuel cells) is an extremely potent greenhouse gas (GHG).

2)
Many hydrogen fuel cells are SOURCED FROM nuclear & gas plants.
(This creates a perverse incentive.)

Therefore:

3) Please *remove* hydrogen from the list of renewables.

Thank you!
Joseph Merrick-Herbert

From: silentashes@gmail.com on behalf of Joseph Herbert <silentashes+personal@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 4:59 PM
To: Wheeler, Mayor; Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Eudaly; Commissioner Fish; Commissioner Saltzman; Council Clerk – Testimony
Cc: Joseph Herbert
Subject: Now! please EXCLUDE non-residential biomass from today's resolution

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Commissioners:

introduction

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony, as I deeply regret being unable to attend in person today.

My name is Joseph Herbert. I am a native 31-year resident of the Tri-County area, and have been an active voting constituent for the past 13 years. I am a former IT worker at ESCO corporation; I now volunteer for a sustainable world, incl. work with Food Not Bombs PDX (which reduces food waste via relationships w/ vendors & suppliers of healthy food, and redirecting quality usable food from the waste stream).

summary

While I broadly support most of the original intent of this resolution, I [nevertheless] strongly urge you all to vote NO today...

... UNLESS the resolution is changed to EXCLUDE any non-residential biomass from the definition of "renewable energy."

details

As you're doubtless heard from others:

This text requires sharp teeth in order to be effective, and I was greatly dismayed to learn that a crucial clause -- defining "renewable energy" as excluding any & all NON-RESIDENTIAL BIOMASS -- has been removed from an earlier draft.

While I understand the need to work within the system and with multiple stakeholders, incl. those w/ a controlling economic interest & social + political impact (and impact on advertising & voting interests)...
... and I can imagine multiple groups, incl voters & lobbyists who might potentially run attack ads re: alleged negative financial impact -- against such clauses remaining, unedited...

... I nevertheless request of you, in the strongest possible terms:

1) Modify the resolution, and exclusion clauses specifically, to state:

"

'Renewable energy' specifically EXCLUDES any & all non-residential biomass ...

"

2) Vote NO on any resolution which allows non-residential biomass;

3) Vote YES on and *ONLY* on a resolution which excludes non-residential biomass as a form of renewable energy.

OUTCOMES

If you fail to pass binding City policy per the above, then I will:

- + not support your future candidacy for any public office with influence in these areas;
- + vote for your opponents who are willing & able to fight for these stances;
- + likewise urge my family, social & professional networks to do the same.

In addition:

- + I will fight & continue to work, organize for binding City policy which includes said clauses.

Closing remarks

It's past time for compromises:

We need to set an example, as the nation's leader.

According to the latest science, we have at most 13 years (by 2030) remaining to reach ZERO global greenhouse gas emissions.

This is critical to our species' survival.

EXCLUDE any non-residential biomass from this resolution.

signature

Thank you very much for your time, and devoted hard efforts.

Respectfully,

Joseph Merrick-Herbert

constituent resident, Portland, Oregon

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June 1, 2017

Portland City Council
Attn: Mayor Ted Wheeler and City Commissioners
1221 SW 4th Avenue
Portland, OR 97204

RE: Comments in Support of Portland's 100% Renewable Energy Resolution

Dear Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners:

Climate Solutions strongly supports the City of Portland's Proposed Resolution committing to 100% clean energy as an important step to accelerate solutions to climate change and to maximize the economic benefits to the City and its residents as a leader in the transition to a clean energy economy.

Climate Solutions is a regional non-profit working to accelerate clean energy solutions to the climate crisis. For nearly 20 years, Climate Solutions has been working to implement energy efficiency, renewable energy, and carbon reduction policies in the Pacific Northwest that demonstrate that clean energy and broadly-shared economic prosperity go hand-in-hand. The City of Portland has long reflected the bold leadership and thoughtful attention to fair and effective climate solutions that we support. From both a climate and economic standpoint, there are compelling reasons to pass this resolution.

Climate change is already harming our people, places, and economy. If we don't act urgently and boldly to curb our greenhouse gas emissions, Oregon's climate is projected to continue warming three to seven degrees Fahrenheit by the 2050s and five to eleven degrees by the 2080s (according to the Oregon Climate Change Research Institute).¹ That rapid warming means that if we continue business as usual, Oregon will have as many ninety-five degree days in 2100 as Texas does now. Climate change also threatens the health and productivity of our people. Burning fossil fuels causes asthma, heart disease, stroke, cancer and results in huge health costs for families to bear. Pollution is projected to create \$1.1 billion in health-related costs to Oregonians by 2040.²

100% Clean: The proposed resolution's goals enable Portland to take significant climate action and accelerate the transition to a clean energy economy. Specifically, the goals of achieving 100% clean electricity by 2035 and clean energy community-wide by 2050 are **visionary and yet attainable**. Portland will become the first city in the Pacific Northwest to embrace this long-term imperative to achieve 100% clean energy, continuing to lead the nation rather than follow.

Climate Solutions believes the Pacific Northwest can be powered by 100% clean energy faster than anywhere else in the U.S., which is a critical step to address the urgency of the climate crisis. Portland and Multnomah County collectively account for nearly a quarter of Oregonians. Passage of this resolution today with a 2035 target marks a historic leap forward on our region's journey to 100% clean energy. Working with utilities and local communities to increase incentives for, and reliance on, energy efficiency and renewable energy resources to reach this 100% goal will dramatically reduce fossil fuel dependence, promote clean energy innovation and economic development, and deliver real climate solutions in our communities. This builds on the 2016 Clean Electricity and Coal Transition Act, which phases coal out of our state utilities' electricity mix by 2030 and requires at least 50% of our electricity be generated by renewable energy by 2040.

¹ Oregon Climate Change Research Institute, "Third Oregon Climate Assessment Report," January 2017, <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2017R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/99261>

² Environmental Entrepreneurs, "Oregon: Changing Climate, Economic Impacts, & Policies for Our Future," June 2016: http://www.e2.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Oregon_Business_Climate_Report.pdf

We also strongly support the goal of continually **increasing the amount of local electricity generation over the purchase of Renewable Energy Credits** generated elsewhere to achieve the city infrastructure 100% goal. Local generation, such as rooftop solar and the recently-announced wastewater treatment biogas facility, create local jobs and economic benefits here in our communities rather than exporting them elsewhere.

Climate Solutions also strongly supports the resolution goal of prioritizing and meeting as much of the **community-wide clean energy from local projects and sources** as practicable, with a minimum of 2% by 2035. We are glad to see the resolution **prioritize clean energy investments in Portland's low income and communities of color**, who are on the frontline of adverse impacts from our fossil fuel economy and need to be at the front of the line when it comes to transitioning to a clean and healthier energy future. The policy solutions to the climate crisis must be equitably shared across historically underserved communities to facilitate a truly just transition, and we appreciate the City's commitment to that goal in the resolution.

Stop making it worse: The climate math shows that this principle is necessary for all the other climate strategies to succeed. We strongly support the resolution's stance opposing any increased development of fossil fuel infrastructure, including no new fracked gas plants and no new long-term gas contracts from existing gas plants to generate electricity. We simply cannot continue to invest in long-lived, capital-intensive fossil fuel power infrastructure that locks-in climate pollution for decades, and such investments are no longer financially prudent given the likelihood of further regulation of fossil fuels at the federal and state levels. Climate Solutions has lauded the City's steps to ban the expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure within Portland, and support this next step as well.

Electrify our transportation and building sectors: As our grid transitions to become carbon-free, shifting our biggest sources of greenhouse gases to be fueled by clean electricity is essential. Portland's groundbreaking commitment to power our transportation, residential and commercial building sectors with 100% clean energy by 2050 pave the way to that resilient future. The resolution recognizes many needed policies to reduce the nearly 40% of local carbon emissions from the transportation of goods and people (according to Portland's Bureau of Planning & Sustainability), including accelerating the transition to electric vehicles and reduce transit fares for low-income residents while significantly extending service miles and public transit access across City neighborhoods.

Climate Solutions lauds the resolution's pledge to collaborate with TriMet to complete a **rapid transition to an all-electric bus fleet**. The science is in and it is both technically and economically feasible for our buses to transition to electric fleets. Several transit agencies have analyzed the issue in depth and conclude that electric buses already are a lower cost option over diesel buses when considering the lifecycle fuel and maintenance costs. Bus manufacturers also offer battery warranties for 12 years or more. As a result, King County's transit agency in Seattle announced a plan this year to purchase 120 electric buses by 2020; by contrast, TriMet continues to buy an average of 40 new diesel buses every year. We hope the City and County can partner with TriMet and other stakeholders to show greater urgency and develop a similar strategic path to electrification of the entire fleet. This shift would capture the long term savings in lower operation and maintenance costs as well as improved air quality and support for electrification of our transportation sector.

Pathway to Net Zero Buildings: Additionally, while we appreciate that the City resolution urges the State of Oregon to adopt codes and standards to increase the efficiency of buildings and appliances, we highlight the need for the City to be ambitious to meet its own goals. Oregon – and especially Portland – is currently undergoing an historic building boom. An estimated 700,000 new homes and apartments and 800 million new square feet of commercial building space are expected to be built in Oregon by 2050. We should be locking in energy and cost savings now, as these buildings are being constructed, rather than relying on costly retrofits later. We note that Portland's long-standing Climate Action Plan targets a 25% reduction of building sector's emissions within the next 13 years and commits to **achieving zero net carbon emissions in all new buildings and homes by 2030**. Climate Solutions looks forward to working with the City to identify a pathway to zero net carbon emissions in new buildings, hopefully through statewide building code improvements.

Commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement: As the resolution recognizes, urgent action is needed to address the ongoing risks to public safety, our environment, our climate, and local economy posed by climate change. Local action to reduce greenhouse gases is needed now more than ever. Given President Trump's apparent intent to pull out of the Paris Climate Agreement as soon as today, we propose the resolution be amended to add the following *italicized* language to reinforce Portland's commitment to the goals of the international accords:

WHEREAS, the newly confirmed EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and President Trump are making decisions that are setting climate policy *at the national and international level* back decades *by pulling out of the Paris Climate Agreement*, defunding environmental programs, attempting to reinvigorate the coal industry, greenlighting major pipeline projects (such as Keystone XL and Dakota Access), attacking the Clean Power Plan, and weakening EPA's commitment to environmental justice; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City opposes the rollback of climate policy at the federal level and affirms its ongoing commitment to the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement and the City's responsibility to meet its proportionate greenhouse gas reductions for the United States under the Paris Climate Agreement,

Terminology: We believe the phrase "clean energy" or "**clean and renewable energy**" would be more accurate than "100% renewable energy" throughout the resolution. The state already has defined "renewable energy" for purposes of the state's 50% renewable portfolio standard (RPS), and the proposed definitions in this resolution differ in significant ways. For instance, the state RPS excludes existing hydropower and only allows energy efficiency upgrades at existing hydropower facilities and new "certified low impact" hydropower projects. The resolution also recognizes that we need several clean energy solutions, including energy efficiency, demand side management, and energy storage, in addition to renewable energy generation, to achieve the goals in this resolution. As such, "clean and renewable energy" is a more inclusive and accurate description of what is intended under the resolution.

Portland has been and should remain a leader in the transition to a clean energy economy. Thank you for your continued bold leadership on climate and clean energy.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Maggie Tallmadge
Subject: 100% Renewable Resolution Testimony: Coalition of Communities of Color
Attachments: CityofPortlandRenewableResolutionsCoalitionCommunitiesColor-Testimony.pdf

Good afternoon Council Clerk,

Attached below is written testimony for the City of Portland's 100% renewable resolution. I am submitting on behalf of Maggie Tallmadge from the Coalition of Communities of Color.

Thank you!
Olivia

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Olivia M. Orosco

Willamette University '19 | Environmental Science

To: City of Portland Council
From: Margaret Tallmadge, Coalition of Communities of Color
Re: 100% Renewable Resolution

June 1, 2017

Dear Mayor Wheeler and Council Members,

The Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC) expresses our support for a 100% renewable resolution and emphasizes the need to make sure this resolution center communities of color and low-income communities. The resolution needs to have explicit language prioritizing the harm mitigation and creation of opportunities for those historically left out of the economic opportunities—communities of color and low-income communities. Emerging and reduced cost of technologies means we can be ambitious and we urge you to include the proposed equity provisions to ensure Portland is not only green, but also equitable.

The CCC is an alliance of 18 diverse culturally-specific community based organizations working to advance racial justice by addressing socioeconomic disparities, institutional racism, and inequity in services.

Our communities have been under resourced to work on environmental and climate initiatives. This is not because of lack of want, but because of racist policies, institutions, and systems. Even in Portland—a city lauded for its environmental initiatives—its sustainability movement has not prioritized social equity, has not built environmental wealth for low-income and people of color, in their neighborhoods, nor their businesses and institutions.

We are told equity and justice can wait until policy is passed— so long as we get the environmental benefits. The equity and justice never come. We must recognize **community-based development and ownership of renewable energy infrastructure** as an emerging best practice. We need to set a standard that **10% of energy will be generated through community-based renewable energy infrastructure by 2050** and establish a **contracting workforce diversity standard**, all the while assuring **low-income ratepayers are not harmed**.

Equity— reducing disparities and providing opportunities, not just preventing harm— is at the core of our principles, processes and outcomes. Environmental and climate solutions can and should provide environmental benefits, dismantle institutional racism and close opportunity gaps experienced by communities of color. The City of Portland's renewable resolution should do the same.

The equity provisions proposed by Verde, the CCC, NWSEED, and Community Action Project of Oregon are fundamental to ensuring that access to the financial and environmental benefits of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and climate resilience is shared equitably across all economic classes.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Justice Manager
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From: bob procter <proctereconomics@gmail.com>
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Subject: Resolution - 100% Renewable Resolution Scheduled for June 1 Council Session
Attachments: Comments on Resolution-100 Percent Renewable 5-30-17 .pdf

All,

Please find my remarks on this Resolution in the attached 1-pager.

Respectfully,

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Comments on Resolution

What We Don't Know

- How many REC's would need to be purchased? At what cost?
- Who will bear that cost? How much budget exposure is there?
- What is the risk of higher electric rates to the low-income community?

What We Do Know

- Recent scientific studies undermine arguing such a goal is economic.
- The Northwest Power Planning Council's 7th Power Plan shows that constructing more renewables is ***the most expensive method to reduce carbon emissions in the Pacific Northwest.***
- The low-income community will be most at risk from actively pursuing constructing new renewables.
- Relying on RECs is cheaper than building utility-scale renewables and will ease the financial exposure that the low-income community will be exposed to from this policy.
- A REC purchased from the Bonneville Environmental Foundation does not reduce current CO2 emissions in Portland.
- The 2017 Update of the 2015 Climate Action Plan remains in error per my testimony delivered before this body the day you adopted it.



June 1, 2017

Chair Deborah Kafoury
Commissioner Sharon Meieran
Commissioner Loretta Smith
Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson
Commissioner Lori Stegman

Re: Testimony on Resolution No. 2015-076

My name is Dr. Gregory Monahan and I am submitting this testimony on behalf of the Sierra Club.

The Sierra Club very much appreciates the Board of Commissioners for Multnomah County's leadership and vision in creating this forward thinking and ground breaking 100% Renewable Energy Resolution. Local action like this and the similar resolution from the City of Portland are especially critical when our country's leadership in Washington is determined to reverse any forward progress on mitigating the worst impacts of climate change.

In considering any amendments to this resolution the Sierra Club asks that you stay grounded in the central tenet behind the resolution: The residents of Multnomah County deserve a 100% Renewable Energy future that will be free from fossil fuels as well as other greenhouse gas emitting energy sources such as industrial scale biomass from public lands.

We understand that you may have been or still may be under considerable pressure from the utilities and industry to weaken the resolution as they are concerned about negative impacts on their bottom line. Our country's laws require publicly traded corporations to act in the interests of their shareholders to maximize their profits. However, elected leaders such as your selves have a different mandate: to ensure a future in which all of the residents of the County can thrive. This mandate can only be achieved if you stand strong in support of amendments that strengthen the resolution and against efforts to weaken the resolution.

Future generations will applaud your leadership and vision.

Gregory P. Monahan, PhD

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Oregon Sierra Club
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Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

Dedicated to Promoting Tribal Self Determination & Sovereignty

May 31, 2017

The Honorable Ted Wheeler
Mayor, City of Portland
1221 SW 4th Ave, Room 340
Portland, OR 97204

Re: City of Portland – 100 Percent Renewable Energy Resolution

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and our federally-recognized member Tribes hereby express support for the City of Portland's 100 Percent Renewable Energy Resolution and its creation of a Climate Action subcommittee of the Planning and Sustainability Commission. Climate change is undoubtedly a danger to all in the Pacific Northwest, and by transitioning to renewable energy, the City of Portland is helping to ensure both environmental and social welfare for both Native and non-native peoples in the area. Climate change, although affecting all people, has a disproportionate impact on minorities. ATNI supports the City of Portland's acknowledgement of this problem, and further supports Portland's efforts to increase opportunities for tribes and other communities of color to be involved in policy-making regarding issues surrounding climate change and renewable energy.

However, this small step towards increased representation of Native Americans in the policy-making process should be the first of many that the City of Portland takes. Portland's Native population, the 6th largest of any city in the U.S., is a diverse group of people hailing from many different tribes. While the City of Portland's goal of including Urban Indians in the decision-making process is important, it will not be accomplished by solely relying on consultation with Urban Indian NGO's in Portland. The City of Portland should seek, and ATNI would be willing to facilitate, direct consultation with Tribal leadership in regard to issues beyond the scope of renewable energy. ATNI also supports Portland creating an office for a tribal liaison, which would serve as a direct line of communication between Tribes and the City. A tribal liaison would streamline the process of consultation and coordination between Portland, Oregon Tribes, and Urban Indians throughout the City, thereby ensuring that tribal sovereignty and rights are recognized and protected while Portland enacts policies to further the welfare of all of its citizens.

ATNI supports Portland's goal of moving to 100 percent renewable energy and increasing tribal consultation, as well as the other values detailed in the resolution: inclusion of communities of color, economic and social welfare of all people, and the protection, preservation, and sustainable use of environment and natural resources. The resolution is a positive step in the right direction,

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however we believe further steps need to be taken in order to increase the dialogue between city officials and the Tribes as more policies are enacted to move towards 100 percent renewable energy for Portland.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and for your recent participation at ATNI's recent 2017 Mid-Year Convention here in Portland, Oregon. We look forward to developing our working relationship with you. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone (503-249-5770) or email (tparrw@atntribes.org).

Sincerely,



Terri Parr W
Executive Director
Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 26, 2017

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Dear Mayor Wheeler and Portland City Commissioners,

I commend your efforts to develop and adopt a 100% renewable energy resolution. Your pursuit of this goal shines a light on the scientific reality of climate disruption, the economic gains of greening our energy resources, the importance of environmental justice, and the benefits that renewable energy will have for public health and well-being. I couldn't be more proud of you for taking on this challenge.

As you may know, I've been developing related federal-level legislation, and I was thrilled to announce the introduction of the 100 by '50 Act last month, with an inspiring coalition of partners representing the climate change, environmental justice, and labor communities. The 100 by '50 Act creates a vision for the transformative work we can do nationally to shift to 100% clean and renewable energy between now and 2050. Like your resolution, we invested a lot of thought in how such a transition would impact all parts of the American economic and social landscape.

As a result of that process, the bill addresses a broad set of issues, including programs to spur job creation as we build the infrastructure to support renewable power, and convert to zero-emission vehicle fleets. The bill also provides resources to help workers in fossil-fuel industries gain new job skills, and launch companies of their own. And to address the needs of minority and disadvantaged communities that have unfairly borne the brunt of environmental pollution in the past, the bill includes programs to help people in those communities access the benefits of renewable energy quickly and affordably.

One of the parts of the 100 by '50 Act that I'm most excited about is a grant program to help towns and cities around the US develop their own 100% clean and renewable resolutions and action plans. To whatever degree that we can encourage other communities to take up the challenge of getting to 100%, we hope to do so.

One thing that's clear is that for the foreseeable future, the best progress on moving towards 100% clean and renewable energy will take place at the state, regional, and local level – and the

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resolutions that Portland and Multnomah County are developing are exactly the kind of leadership that people all over the U.S. are looking for. Thank you for taking the first steps to create the kinds of change that so many Americans are hoping for in their communities. Please know that you have my complete support, and if I can contribute to your efforts in any way, I'll be glad to do so. I wish you continued success and am excited to see the progress that I know you'll make in the months and years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeffrey A. Merkley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

Jeffrey A. Merkley
United States Senator