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To: MOORE Caroline \* PUC

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Subject: FW: One More Community Advocate's comments on UM 2225 HB 2021 Clean Energy Plans Resiliency

**Date:** Wednesday, January 4, 2023 12:37:43 PM

#### Comments.

## Deanna

From: Nina K <dbpq609@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, December 18, 2022 6:47 PM

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**Cc:** alessandra@rogueclimate.org; orianamagnera@verdenw.org; silvia.tanner@multco.us;

simone@ojta.org

Subject: One More Community Advocate's comments on UM 2225 HB 2021 Clean Energy Plans

Resiliency

Dear Chair Decker, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Tawney, and PUC Staff,

I am a Portland resident and a HB2021 Community Advocate. I am here to urge you to support HB 2021.

Clean renewable energy, like clean air, water, and food, is a source of life. It isn't an optional consumer product people can live without. It is the only sustainable energy choice and solution to recurring climate changes and impacts to people's health and safety, by all indications. Therefore, the production of clean renewable energy needs to center on community clean energy projects.

Due to historical inequitable energy policies, redlining, eminent domain laws, unfair housing practices, low-income and BIPOC communities aren't able to build family wealth. This impacts where our families can afford to live. Places with cheaper housing tend to be impacted by industrial pollutions, underinvestment, and public transportation projects which displace us and our communities. Oregon's state laws also require affordable housing for low-income and moderate-income families to be built on brown fields. These are grounds tested and determined to have been contaminated or have accumulated pollutants over time through regular pollutant exposures. This policy is, so, the affordable housing construction funds will cover required environmental clean-up. However, these policies have also impacted the health and safety of low-income BIPOC communities.

This is how and why government energy regulatory decisions need to restore energy justice to low-income and BIPOC communities, including rural and tribal communities. We have often been left out or are underrepresented in energy regulatory decision making concerning us. BIPOC communities' lacking energy resiliency is a result of marginalization with historical origins and inequitable access to clean renewable energy. We are asking for restorative access and energy justice to our harmed communities, through HB2021.

From individual daily functions to national economy to global security, clean sustainable energy is key. Through crude oil production, we pollute the air, contaminate ground water, rivers, and oceans, cause asthma and COPD. Through strip coal mining, we destroy forests and wildlife habitats, erode land, cause floods, and make it impossible for tribal and rural communities to retain their ways of life (hunting, gathering, and fishing). Not to mention mining causes black lung disease, cancers, COPD, permanent disabilities, and deaths. Through fracking for natural gas, we contaminate ground water, cause cancers, and

destabilize the ground, which can produce or worsen earthquakes.

From food and energy production to national and global security, clean sustainable energy protects community health, safety, and sustainability. Because of this, our communities need to own the means of producing clean renewable energy in order to protect affordable clean energy supply to our communities. For-profit energy producing industries or companies can control our life-sustaining access to clean renewable energy. This is a matter of life and death. It isn't only for people who require energy-powered medical equipments to live but for all of us who rely on it to be healthy and safe. Clean renewable energy can help us live healthily and sustainably without men-made environmental disasters, loss of food and home, health and safety.

I was born with sleep apnea and severe hay fever which obstruct my breathing. I require a CPAP, an oxygen supply machine, to breath during sleep. My doctor told me, not getting enough oxygen has caused my optic nerves to die, which has worsened my Glaucoma toward blindness. However, the CPAP machine which helps me get sufficient oxygen, requires energy to operate. When I can't afford energy for winter heating and summer cooling, I have to choose between turning off my CPAP machine or turning off the fan or heater. Neither choice allows me to comfortably sleep through the night in scorching summers and freezing winters. Since using a CPAP machine, I've met so many community members with air pollution-caused asthma and COPD. All lived in areas with pollutions because housing is cheaper there. This is why and how equitable access to clean renewable energy is basic to life.

We've also seen how clean renewable energy future is put on hold globally, due to Putin's war. EU is trying to figure out how its people can endure this winter without Russian oil or Russian "natural" gas (nothing is natural about fracking which contaminates ground water and destabilizes the ground). EU's alternative to buying Russian fossil fuel is fossil fuel imports from the U.S, Qatar, Norway, Australia, Canada, Algeria, and Nigeria. But if fossil fuel isn't needed, we can easily end Putin's war, save millions of Ukrainian and Russian lives, billions of dollars, avert famine and starvation, and save the global economy. It costs \$50 billions a month for Ukraine to defend itself against Russia. We, the American people, foot a large part of that bill to help Ukraine. US. fossil fuel industries are price gauging to make record-high profits from this global fossil fuel shortage, OPAC countries are also limiting oil productions to raise oil prices. Do we want to support that? How would history judge us on this, and on letting Putin weaponize energy, food, and nuclear power? How would we answer our grandchildren's questions on why we haven't stopped all these men-made destructions and damages for a clean renewable energy future for them? Greta Thunberg has already led the movement to ask these questions.

If PUC supports community clean energy projects, it can help create green energy jobs for low-income and BIPOC communities. PUC can support HB 2021 and work with State Senator Michael Dambrow and Senator Kasey Jama on this. Senator Dambrow serves on the Oregon Workforce Investment Board and the Oregon State Higher Education Coordinating Commission. He leads the \$200 million Future Ready Oregon Initiative to create career pathways and paid apprenticeship programs in colleges for underserved communities. This Initiative is an investment package to support comprehensive workforce investments aimed at advancing an equitable workforce system for people of color, people with disabilities, people with low incomes, career changers, rural Oregonians, and other underserved populations with family wage career trainings and wrap around student support services. This includes paid childcare, transportation, food, tuition, books, and everything the students need to succeed.

Oregon's critical industries are in dire need of workforce talents, and are partnering with the state through this Initiative to create pipelines for labor shortages. The major difference between these new college-based career pathways and the ones in the past is that these career pathways are student-centered. The emerging green energy industries can be one of these industries which Senator Dambrow and Senator Jama support for the Future Ready Oregon programs.

Senator Dambrow has track records working for education and workforce equity. He led the effort to extend

tuition equity and other opportunities for Oregon's "Dreamers". He is leading the fight to establish a cap on greenhouse-gas emissions in Oregon while also working on youth sentencing reforms, increasing prison education opportunities and removing barriers faced by ex-offenders as they re-enter society and the workforce. He was also one of the first members of the Portland chapter of Jobs With Justice. As for Senator Kasey Jama, he helped establish Oregon's Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement, then transferred it from Office of the Governor to the Department of Human Services. He also sponsored SB 1567, which relates to energy infrastructure resilience.

Clean renewable energy builds sustainable future, sustainable communities, and sustainable Oregon. I also urge PUC to work with Oregon Citizens Utility Board and community based organizations championing clean renewable energy and the Green New Deal Policy Initiative, with HB 2021 Community Energy Advocates. Our sponsoring community-based organizations include Oregon Just Transition Alliance, Verde, Rogue Climate, Coalition of Communities of Color, Northwest Energy Foundation, and the Multnomah County Office of Sustainability.

Thank you for supporting and centering the energy experiences and perspectives of our impacted communities. I appreciate your support, partnership, and service to the people of Oregon.

Sincerely,

C Nina Kung HB 2021 Community Advocate Portland, OR 97239

Cc: Simone Crowe Oregon Green New Deal Policy Organizer

Oregon Just Transition Alliance

Silvia Tanner Sr. Energy Policy and Legal Analyst Office of Sustainability/Multnomah County

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Alessandra de la Torre Advocacy & Program Director Rogue Climate From: PUC PUC.PublicComments \* PUC

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Subject: FW: Community Advocates" comments on UM 2225 HB 2021 Clean Energy Plans Resiliency

**Date:** Wednesday, January 4, 2023 12:26:47 PM

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#### Deanna

From: Nina K <dbpq609@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 16, 2022 7:26 AM

To: PUC PUC.PublicComments \* PUC < PUC.PUBLICCOMMENTS@puc.oregon.gov>

Cc: Simone Crowe <simone@ojta.org>

Subject: Community Advocates' comments on UM 2225 HB 2021 Clean Energy Plans Resiliency

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While US. fossil fuel industries are price gauging to make record-high profits from this global fossil fuel shortage, OPAC countries are also limiting oil productions to raise oil prices. Do we want to support that? How would history judge us on this, and on letting Putin weaponize energy, food, and nuclear weapons globally?

How do we answer our grandchildren's questions on why we didn't try to stop all these men-made destructions and damages for a clean renewable energy future for them? Greta Thunberg has already led the movement to ask these questions.

If PUC supports community clean energy projects, it can help create green energy jobs for low-income and BIPOC communities. PUC can do this by supporting HB 2021 and suggesting green energy job trainings to State Senator Michael Dambrow and Senator Kasey Jana.

Senator Dambrow serves on the Oregon Workforce Investment Board and the Oregon State Higher Education Coordinating Commission. He leads the \$200 million Future Ready Oregon Initiative to create career pathways in college for underserved communities. This Initiative is an investment package to support comprehensive workforce investments aimed at advancing an equitable workforce system for people of color, people with disabilities, people with low incomes, career changers, rural Oregonians, and other underserved populations with family wage career trainings and wrap around student support services. This includes paid childcare, transportation, food, tuition, books, and everything the students need to succeed.

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Senator Dambrow also led the effort to extend tuition equity and other opportunities for Oregon's "Dreamers". He is leading the fight to establish a cap on greenhouse-gas emissions in Oregon while also working on youth sentencing reforms, increasing prison education opportunities and removing barriers faced by ex-offenders as they re-enter society and the workforce. He was also one of the first members of the Portland chapter of Jobs With Justice.

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Thank you for centering the energy experiences and perspectives of our impacted communities. I appreciate your support, partnership, and service to the people of Oregon.

Sincerely,

C Nina Kung HB 2021 Community Advocate Portland, OR 97239

Cc: Simone Crowe

Bcc: HB 2021 Community Advocates I have email addresses

### **KNOLL Ellie \* PUC**

From: PUC PUC.PublicComments \* PUC
Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 12:26 PM

**To:** MOORE Caroline \* PUC

Cc: MENZA Candice \* PUC; TOEWS Kimberly \* PUC; KNOLL Ellie \* PUC; WALKER Cheryl \* PUC; DAVIS

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**Subject:** FW: Community Advocates' comments on UM 2225 HB 2021 Clean Energy Plans Resiliency

### Comments.

#### Deanna

From: Nina K <dbpq609@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2022 5:08 PM

To: PUC PUC.PublicComments \* PUC < PUC.PUBLICCOMMENTS@puc.oregon.gov>

Cc: Simone Crowe <simone@ojta.org>

Subject: Re: Community Advocates' comments on UM 2225 HB 2021 Clean Energy Plans Resiliency

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Due to the interconnected nature of this state and nation, government energy regulatory decisions impact us all. From daily individual functions to national economy to global security, clean sustainable energy is key. With fossil fuel, we pay with our health and safety. From food and energy production to national and global security, clean sustainable energy saves lives. Because of this, no industry or company ought to have the right to block anyone's access to it. This is a matter of life and death, not only for people who require energy-powered medical equipments to live but all who rely on it to function. Clean renewable energy can run the world without men-made environmental disasters, mass migration, starvation, national border disputes, wars, and endanger national or global security.

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Ukraine to defend itself against Russia. We, the American people, pay a large part of that foreign aid. While fossil fuel industries are ripping record high profits from this global fossil fuel shortage through price gauging. OPAC is also price gauging by limiting oil productions. Do we want to support that? How would history judge us on this, and on letting Putin weaponize energy, food, and nuclear weapons? How would we answer to our grandchildren on why we didn't try to stop all these men-made destructions for a clean renewable energy future?

By focusing on supporting clean renewable community energy projects, PUC can lead by support creating sustainable green energy jobs for low-income and BIPOC communities. PUC can do this by working with State Senators Michael Dambrow and Kasey Jama. Senator Dambrow sporce development. He serves on the Oregon workforce Investment Board, and has been working on creating career pathways through apprenticeship programs and college trainings with wrap around student support services through Oregon's critical industries in dire need of workforce talents. He led the effort to extend tuition equity and other opportunities for Oregon's "Dreamers," undocumented young people who have been the collateral damage of our nation's broken immigration system. He is leading the fight to establish a cap on greenhouse-gas emissions in Oregon while also working on youth sentencing reforms, increasing prison education opportunities and removing barriers faced by ex-offenders as they reenter society and the workforce. He was also one of the first members of the Portland chapter of Jobs With Justice. Senator Kasey Jama helped established Oregon's Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement, and helped transferring it from Office of the Governor to the Department of Human Services. He also sponsored SB 1567, which relates to energy infrastructure resilience.

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Thank you for centering the energy experiences and perspectives of impacted communities. I appreciate your support, partnership, and service to the people of Oregon.

Sincerely,

C Nina Kung HB 2021 Community Advocate Portland, OR 97239

On Dec 15, 2022, at 10:50 AM, Simone Crowe <simone@ojta.org> wrote:

Dear Chair Decker, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Tawney, and PUC Staff,

Please see the attached comments from HB 2021 Community Advocates, respectfully submitted on December 15, 2022. Also attached are comments I shared during the public meeting today.

Thank you for centering the stories of impacted communities this morning. We appreciate your partnership and service.

(Community members and advocates are blindcopied on this email.)

Sincerely,

Members of HB 2021 Community Advocates cohort, including: Simone Crowe Maria Dolores Torres Perla Salazar Alec Perrone Sadie Atwell Alessandra de la Torre

## Silvia Tanner

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## **Simone Crowe**

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<Simone Crowe's verbal comments on resiliency (1).pdf><HB 2021 Community Advocates' Comments on Resiliency (1).pdf>

UM 2225 HB 2021 Clean Energy Plans Resiliency Comments from Simone Crowe, Oregon Just Transition Alliance Respectfully submitted December 15, 2022

About the HB 2021 Community Advocates Cohort: This group of 12 community members from across Oregon have been meeting with Energy Advocates and organizers for the past three months from Oregon Just Transition Alliance, Verde, Rogue Climate, Coalition of Communities of Color, Northwest Energy Foundation, and Multnomah County Office of Sustainability. These Community Advocates recently shared their personal stories, reflections, and ideas for resiliency. These leaders are engaged, passionate, and learning more about our energy systems in Oregon all the time. They are BIPOC, English and Spanish-speaking, students, activists, business owners, government administrators, a Tribal member, organizer, and community leaders.

When our community members discussed resiliency and power shutoffs, many thought about when they were kids—and some even had fond memories of candles being lit, fires in the fireplace, and hide and seek in the dark.

As our community members became older, they realized all of the stresses their parents were going through. Today, when a lower-income household loses power, these are some things that go through their head: "Did I pay the bill? I just went grocery shopping and now all of that food is ruined. What will we eat? How will we stay warm? When will my kids be able to shower again?

How will I do the laundry? How will I keep my phone charged to call my work? How will I find the Pacific Power's phone number without wifi? And it's dark. It's 5 pm and I can't see anything in my own home. I wish they had told me when the power was going to be shut off. I wish the power company would tell me when my power would be back on. It feels like they forget about rural communities. I feel abandoned and helpless."

Sadie Atwell in Portland, who couldn't be here today wrote:

"Many times when I got my first apartment I had consistent power outages. Not knowing how long I would be dealing with it and not having the tools to get by without it was a big hardship for me. I had to toss food, remain in the dark for long periods of time, lost a document I was working on online. I also felt unsafe in my apartment due to the area. Receiving updates would have helped me just to feel better and have some hope. I will say that I heard that while I had power her parents' house didn't and they are older people with health disabilities. I think that if priority were given to people like that it would be good."

Energy is connected to our everyday lives, in ways that we all take for granted. I urge commissioners and utility providers, who are tasked with sorting through the acronyms, complex policies, various stakeholders, increasing extreme weather, laws, dockets, it's a lot, and i appreciate your expertise. What I ask for is that you hear the stories, remember the moms, kids, elderly folks, people with disabilities, and those more vulnerable. Let's make sure our

energy system is resilient, distributed, community-owned and benefiting, clean, and ready for the next wildfire, storm or extreme weather.

Sincerely,

Simone Crowe

Oregon Green New Deal Policy Organizer, facilitator of HB 2021 Community Advocates Cohort Oregon Just Transition Alliance