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Oregonians are committed to protecting our way of life by keeping pollution out of the air we breathe, the water we drink and the places we call home. Living up to that commitment means quickly transitioning to a clean, renewable economy by putting a price on climate pollution, which is the goal of Renew Oregon's new **Clean Energy Jobs Campaign**. The campaign seeks to cap and price climate pollution and reinvest the proceeds into communities most impacted by climate change

Oregon's success comes from our state's pioneer spirit. We have the knowledge, the workforce and the will to embrace the opportunity in reducing pollution. Acting now and taking advantage of our innovation and leadership will grow our economy, add good-paying jobs and protect healthy communities.

A changing climate threatens the state we love and the natural resources we depend on. Pollution from burning fossil fuels makes asthma worse for children and puts adults' lives at risk from stroke, heart and lung disease, and extreme summer heat. Bigger wildfires, more destructive storms and annual droughts are already costing us. If we do nothing, climate change will continue to impact our health and economy.

From Pollution to Prosperity: Our state is poised to reap the rewards of more jobs, clean air, and local, renewable energy if we build on recent successes and hold the largest emitters accountable with a limit and price on the pollution they put into our air and water.

The clean energy economy employs all kinds of Oregonians -- like construction, engineers, designers, manufacturers, salespeople, secretaries and custodians. Businesses need certainty and flexibility to thrive and reducing climate pollution with a defined limit and stable price on emissions provides certainty. Using a market-driven approach allows flexibility to meet reductions in the most affordable, efficient way.

We can build a thriving economy *and* ensure a healthy environment. Oregon's legacy of clean air and water for healthy families helps our businesses recruit a talented, diverse workforce. Our leadership on clean energy and efficiency has attracted new businesses here and led to adoptions of our innovations worldwide.

Our economy depends on many Oregon businesses endangered by climate change. Farmers and ranchers, fishermen and foresters, outdoor recreation and coastal real estate, brewers and vintners, and other signature Oregon industries are threatened. Protecting their long-term viability is vital to all business in the state.

Oregon can be a leader in the transition to a clean energy economy by continuing with forward-looking, 21st century policies. Together, with our neighbors, we'll create a west coast powerhouse; an example for others states to follow and a showcase for Oregon innovations.

The legislature set a goal to curb climate pollution, now it needs to enforce that limit with a price on this pollution. Oregon needs a modern transportation system with options like public transit, biking and safe walking areas. The state must encourage and support the transition to electric and zero-emission vehicles in cars and freight-carrying vehicles. We have seen recent success encouraging renewable sources of energy -- like wind, solar and geothermal -- and a clean fuels standard; Oregon needs to continue to lead the nation in transitioning off dirty sources of energy. We can cut the amount of energy we use with high standards for energy efficiency in our homes and buildings as well manufacturing and production. This, combined with smart practices in agriculture and forestry, can ensure that Oregon's economy continues to grow and produce goods as we limit pollution from dangerous greenhouse gasses.

We call on the Governor and Oregon lawmakers to extend our state's legacy of leadership. Act now to put Oregon on the right path. We can promote a prosperous economy while limiting pollution. We can protect Oregon for future generations while taking care of families today with good-paying jobs and clean air.

Together, we can Renew Oregon.

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