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Dear Work Group Members,

As you know, our goal in convening the Clean Energy Jobs work groups was to help us understand the outstanding issues with SB 1070 and seek solutions to the concerns that were raised. The many hours of deliberations and the many hundreds of pages of testimony were invaluable in getting us to a place where we could give clear direction to Legislative Counsel in redrafting SB 1070 for the 2018 legislative session.

In the pages that follow, you'll find a document that summarizes key points of discussion during the work group process, along with many ways that the redraft incorporates recommendations and public comments that we received. Following that, you'll find the policy decision document that we've been using in the work group process, updated with the policy directions that have been given to Legislative Counsel.

As you'll see, the broad framework of SB 1070 remains the same: a cap-and-invest model to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, counter climate change and its effects, and transition Oregon to a cleaner, healthier, and more robust economy. You'll see more clarity in a number of areas, notably with respect to how the program will be governed, how allowances will be distributed, how costs will be minimized, how investments will be distributed, and how communities most impacted by climate change in rural and urban parts of the state will be assured of having their voices heard. You'll also see that Legislative Counsel is drafting two different versions of the bill—one for the Senate and one for the House. Though they are largely the same, you'll see differences as well.

The completed bill drafts will be available to us on January 8, 2018. Committee staff will be sending you the bill drafts as soon as they are available. The drafts will be explained and discussed in detail at a joint meeting of the House Committee on Energy and Environment and the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources at 8 am on January 10th. That meeting will be live-streamed and available on our committee websites, as will all meeting materials.

You may remember that our intention had been to bring you all back together on January 9th in order to go over the freshly-released drafts in advance of the joint committee hearing. Unfortunately, that is no longer possible, as all legislators and Capitol staff will need to spend that day in various trainings. We do hope that many of you will attend or watch the joint committee hearing on January 10th and give us any feedback as soon as possible.

Thank you to all who participated in the work group process either in person or via written testimony. We know we can count on your further help, and we look forward to it.

Sincerely,

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Michael Dembrow, Chair,
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Ken Helm, Chair
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