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**Representative Ken Helm**

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Dear Senator Lee beyer,

As a proud Oregon citizen, I am pleased to provide you with an opinion on the bill that you are working hard on. Although this bill has not officially been presented, I agree it is in the best interest of all Oregonians.  The Clean Energy Jobs Bill (Bill 1070), which is currently being discussed, has the goal of providing jobs relating  to clean energy.  I think that people on Native American reservations should benefit from this too, and that your committee needs to pay special attention to their voices when drafting it.

If you didn't know, Oregon is one of the leading states in clean energy. By approving the clean energy jobs bill, there would be many new and sustainable jobs that could open up. I think that it's important to consider all populations in Oregon, and how especially the underrepresented can benefit from it. According to the US department of indian affairs," Many Indian reservations are well positioned to provide access to a stable source of competitively priced energy. For example, of the 326 American Indian reservations, more than 150 have the resource capacity needed to sustain a 1 to 25 megawatt renewable and/or natural gas power generation facility."A great way to create secondary jobs and proceed to circulate money locally is by utilizing the power generated from renewable resources for new industries on reservations.

By doing this you open up many different clean energy ways you could go by such as wind turbines and water energy. Which are both very easy and plentiful in the use of making energy. It is very important to consider all populations of people in Oregon, and I was glad to know that you have a work group partly dedicated to the fair representation of Native Americans.

Thank you for your time and thank you for hearing my opinions. I really appreciate what you and your coworkers are doing.

Sincerely,

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