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Dear Representative Helm,

Hello, my name is Mckenzee Manlupig. I'm a student from a small k-8 school in Damascus called, Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School. I would like to address, The Clean Energy Jobs Bill and how we could improve schools, within Oregon. As a young mind with dreams, I would like to see the world, experience diverse cultures and appreciate the nature and wildlife. If we keep treating this world this grimly, I will never get to experience, how orangutans interact in the wild or see the leaves of Japan change from green to yellow in autumn. This bill is so important to help our world so I, and so many other minds, have a chance to experience and possibly change our planet. In Oregon, there is this act called, the Alternative Energy Solar Project. This project allows people, from the middle class, to have solar panels installed onto their houses for as little as zero dollars down. This could save thousands of dollars on electricity that could be used on other resources helpful for the families. "Alternative Energy Solar Project predicts that it could save individual families up to \$2,400 a year, which they hope could then be spent on other essential bills." said the Green Energy Tribune. If we can do this in homes, we can do it in schools too. Instead of a diesel generator running our schools, as an alternative, schools could be run on an environmentally healthy, cheaper, way. My school has a backup diesel generator and we run it, around two to three times a month, wasting

unnecessary, hurtful energy. It would be healthier for the students, staff and the world if we had solar panels alternatively. Also, this could significantly increase the business for solar panel producers, technicians, engineers. There is approximately 1,250 eligible school in 197 school districts in the state. This would not only boost our use of clean energy but produce thousands of jobs and create opportunities for new entrepreneurs. This is an important issue for our state, our businesses, and our students. We should be setting an example for the next generation. I appreciate your consideration as well as all the work you do for our state.

Sincerely,

Mckenzee Manlupig,