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**To:** Senator Beyer, Chair, Clean Energy Jobs Work Group on Utilities and Transportation Senator Dembrow, Chair, Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resource Representative Helm, Chair, House Committee on Energy and Environment Members, Clean Energy Jobs Work Group on Utilities and Transportation

Renewable Northwest is a regional non-profit organization committed to the environmentally responsible development of renewable energy resources across Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. Our members consist of renewable energy developers and related businesses, consumer protection organizations, and environmental non-profits.

Throughout the Clean Energy Jobs workgroup process, Renewable Northwest has stated that our priority is to ensure that cap-and-invest does not undermine existing policies and programs that are working in Oregon.

Specifically regarding the voluntary renewable energy market, we highlighted the need for an allowance set-aside mechanism to preserve the integrity of voluntary renewable energy programs, as described in the DEQ Study of a Market Approach to Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Renewable Northwest respectfully suggests that the following language be included in revisions of SB 1070:

"The carbon pollution market shall include a set-aside of allowances to be retired on behalf of entities that voluntarily purchase renewable energy."

Thank you,

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