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Dear City Councilors:

My wife and I, both retired professors, moved to Salem last September from Hampton, Virginia, and are just now getting involved in civic affairs in our new community. We have been gratified to see the innumerable ways in which Salem is far ahead of most other cities nationwide in adopting socially and environmentally responsible policies, and we hope you will continue to set a good example.

According to your agenda for Monday, January 8, the Council will be deliberating on recommended policy statements for the 2018 Oregon Legislative Session. In looking over these recommendations, however, I was dismayed to find a yawning hiatus: there was no mention whatsoever of the single most important issue before the Legislature — the Clean Energy Jobs Bill. This bill creates a cap on climate pollution that would be incrementally lowered each year, so that Oregon could do its part, along with other responsible states and nations around the world, to curb the dangerous rise in atmospheric CO2 concentration that is threatening this and all future generations.

Besides ameliorating this long-term global threat, this bill would also have immediate economic benefits for our state, since revenue derived from putting a price on carbon pollution would be used to fund research and development of clean energy solutions and create clean energy jobs, thus giving Oregon a competitive edge the global race to develop renewable alternatives to fossil fuels. The Clean Energy Jobs Bill has been in the works for several legislative sessions. Now is the time to finally pass it.

The City of Salem should therefore join other forward-thinking cities in Oregon and lend its enthusiastic support to the Clean Energy Jobs Bill.

Thank you for your service to our community.

Sincerely,

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