

IT'S TIME TO CLEAR THE AIR

Oregon's Senators — Ron Wyden and Gordon Smith — are about to vote on a proposal to set a national Renewable Energy Standard. The new standard would increase America's use of wind, solar, and other clean, renewable energy sources to 20% by 2020.

Here in the Pacific Northwest, non-hydro renewable energy is available and abundant. In fact, under a 20% Renewable Energy

Standard, the region would become one of the nation's leaders in producing electricity from clean energy.

Not only will that reduce air pollution, but it will provide a big boost to the region's economy as well. According to a study by the Union of Concerned Scientists, over the next



18 years, the Renewable Energy Standard would:

🌐 Stimulate more than \$7 billion in new capital investment in the Pacific Northwest

🌐 Produce more than \$400 million in new property tax revenues for local communities in the region

🌐 Generate nearly \$100 million in lease payments to farmers, ranchers, and rural landowners from wind development alone

🌐 Bring an estimated \$2.8 billion in additional revenues to the Northwest from the export of renewable energy credits

Clean energy, cleaner air, and a stronger economy: it's no wonder 7 out of 10 Americans support a 20% Renewable Energy Standard.

CLEAN, RENEWABLE ENERGY IS THE SOLUTION

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