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From: Karen Hertz
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2004 1:26 AM
To: Jenkins, Kris
Subject: Please strengthen BOTH renewable energy and energy efficiency

Dear Mr. Walker and Council:

As an elementary school teacher, I'm extremely concerned for the future of my students and for future generations. The Northwest should be aggressively leading the nation in innovative 21st century energy use of renewable energy while continuing to improve our energy efficiency. Increasing energy efficiency alone is not enough to do what needs to be done. We **MUST** strengthen renewable energy goals as well. We already have the technology, the brains, the materials, and wind and sun galore! All we need now is the leadership and the will to do it -- for our children and their children.

There have always been the cynics and pessimists among us but they have never amounted to much. They simply stand in the way of progress. But they are not the people we remember, not the ones who inspire us to be greater than those who came before us. Many times in history, there have been those who transcended the current archaic thinking. Right now, the outdated thinking and technology is that of oil, coal, nuclear, and even natural gas. They have been useful but they are simply not sustainable: environmentally, economically, and even geopolitically. When the computer chip technology was new, there were those who had the will to seriously invest in the computer chip when that technology was cutting-edge and still expensive. We always knew just how useful and beneficial they would be to our lives. Now computer chips are mass produced, inexpensive, and used in our everyday lives. And that only came about by having the political will and the serious financial investment in that technology. And, if there's one thing our economy needs, it's a jumpstart with an innovative technology like renewable energy which has endless possibilities for further development and usefulness.

Renewable energy is absolutely **ESSENTIAL** for a sustainable future for our children. Because they are unable to vote or make decisions for their own healthy futures, **WE** must do that for them. On behalf of the children and future generations, **PLEASE** do what is best for them. Please strengthen renewable energy and energy efficiency goals so that their future will be brighter, cleaner, and safer. Thank you. I will be looking forward to hearing from you and about your decisions in this matter.

Sincerely,
Karen Hertz
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