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### **Interfaith Power & Light leaders thank Congressman Schrader for voting to protect Creation**

Oregon Interfaith Power & Light applauds vote on  
historic clean Energy and climate protection bill

Late Friday, the U.S. House of Representatives voted on “The American Clean Energy and Security Act,” a historic bill that will help build a new clean energy economy and launch the first national plan of action to address the growing threat of climate change. It combines a declining cap on global warming pollution with support for renewable energy and standards and incentives for improving energy efficiency.

The passage of the bill was celebrated at a June 28 Interfaith Climate Vigil sponsored by 16 Oregon faith organizations. “We are grateful to Congressman Schrader for doing the right thing and standing up for God’s Creation,” said Jenny Holmes, Environmental Ministries director for Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and its Oregon Interfaith Power & Light program, at the vigil. “Congregations and people of faith throughout Oregon are working to be good stewards of energy in our homes and houses of worship, but we know we can’t do it alone. We need a public policy shift to help us avert the worst impacts of climate change and move our nation to a clean energy economy that benefits Oregon, especially rural areas. That’s why word of the passage of this historic legislation is such good news.”

The Rev. Canon Sally Bingham, president of the Interfaith Power & Light national campaign, said in support of the bill, “This is a moral issue and one that should concern all people who believe we have a responsibility to be good stewards of Creation.”

*Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon’s (EMO) Oregon Interfaith Power and Light project engages the faith community to strive for accountability in our individual and collective energy decisions in an interdependent world. EMO is a statewide association of Christian denominations—including Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox bodies—congregations, ecumenical organizations and interfaith partners working together to improve the lives of Oregonians through community ministry programs, ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, environmental ministry and public policy advocacy.*

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