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Portland has committed to reduce its carbon foot print. Portland committed to cut carbon emissions by 80 percent from 1990 to 2050 and it is hypocritical for Mayor Hales to support the terminal, then [accept a federal Climate Action Champion award](#).

We also have a responsibility to not participate in increasing the the carbon footprint of other nations. It is time for the global community to step away from fossil fuel usage. This LNG terminal poses a threat to the local environment and also threatens the global commons. The propane, burned as fuel in Asia, would release 3 million to 5 million metric tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere each year. We can not produce and ship hazardous material to other places and pretend that impacts abroad do not affect us locally.

The Pembina site near the confluence of the Columbia and Willamette Rivers is in an earthquake zone and the company has not detailed seismic protections. As we have experienced with the Fukushima nuclear disaster, there is no quick solution to spills or natural disasters. Damage from one spill or gas emission causes irreparable and threatens fish, wild life, humans, local economies and farms.

It is time to turn away from fossil fuels and move in the direction of renewable clean sources. The notion of economic development can no longer be separated from environmental development. All fossil fuel projects have an estimated 20 year time limit of profitability. I estimate this to be less as one disaster can shift profitability much sooner. Do we need to experience a disaster to prove this point?

The production of coal has become more expensive and resulted in a decrease in value which has resulted in 40 percent decrease in domestic use. We are already seeing the prices of oil go down because of a glut in world-wide production. Seen from this perspective, fossil fuel is not a long term investment by any means and poses a huge threat to clean living standards which would follow in huge profit losses and hinder growth in all other economic sectors.

We can no longer value money and fossil fuels above clean water, clean air and clean soil. The later are priceless commodities and we have the responsibility to ensure that our children and future generations get to enjoy them. Who are we to take these gifts away from our children so a few can profit from very short term gain?

My vote is a resolute NO! on any fossil fuel development in my region, country and global commons.

Sincerely,

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