

Dear Commission Members, Mr. Mayor and Esteemed Councilors,

Thank you for your devoted public service and your attempts to put the common good of the precious lands we occupy above the needs for tax revenues and cordial relationships with industry.

For some time we have heard that some forms of fossil fuel energy are better than others. And while there is some truth to those claims, the reality we presently face calls for us to keep 60-80% of the fossil fuels we have already identified in the ground to avoid catastrophic climate change outcomes. The propane gas coming from a foreign country (Canada) is part and parcel of keeping a climate destructive extractive process alive when it needs to be dealt a decisive moratorium if our children's children are going to have a future on this amazing planet.

Our government at the national level has been co-opted by the fossil fuel industry spending millions on lobbying to continue the extraction that brings them billions in profits while ensuring the end of life as we know it on the planet. All the costs of the destruction from emitting greenhouse gases has been externalized on our people. If you allow the Pembina Terminal to go forward, the people of Portland would be responsible for the extreme costs of a disastrous outcome, which is easily envisioned through seismic activity.

We have land use laws in place to protect the fragile riparian zone at the site, prohibiting the movement of toxic product, such as propane, by pipe to loading on vessels. It is your responsibility to act in the interest of the common good and **make no change in the rules to permit such a change**. Governor Tom McCall would be proud of your decision and the citizens of Portland will be most appreciative of your putting the science of climate change ahead of the short term profiteering available to the city through going ahead with this terminal plan.

Thank you for your consideration,  
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