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Dear Chair Baugh and Members of the Planning and Sustainability Commission,

Please accept the following comments regarding the Terminal 6 Environmental Overlay Zone Code and Boundary Amendment being proposed to facilitate construction of a new Pembina propane export facility at Terminal 6.

In 2009 the City of Portland adopted its Climate Change Action Plan. The Plan commits the City and County to achieving a 40% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and an 80% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions emission by the year 2050. The report states the following:

“An 80% reduction of carbon emissions by 2050 will entail re-imagining the entire community--transitioning away from fossil fuels and strengthening the local economy while shifting fundamental patterns of urban form, transportation, buildings and consumption.”

In West Linn I work hard as a volunteer to help maintain the natural beauty of my area, particularly Maddox Woods. I am proud that Portland has adopted its Climate Change Action Plan and was awarded a Presidential Climate Action Champions Award.

It is important for me as a resident of the Portland metropolitan area that we uphold our role as a climate action champion city. Facilitating the transport of fossil fuels is directly opposed to this distinction. As the concentration of CO₂ in the atmosphere is now 398.55 parts per million, it is very unwise for us to put monetary interests regarding fossil fuels above our concern for the sustainability of our planet. Continuing to expand the extracting, transporting, and use of fossil fuels including propane only makes the current damage to our planet even more precarious.

Therefore I urge the PSC to reject the proposal to amend the environmental overlay zones to allow the Pembina project to move forward.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

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