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## **Will the Adults in the Room Please Stand Up!**

### **Reject the Pembina Propane Terminal**

A *coherent* climate and energy policy must start at home. If Portland truly wants to be a model for such a policy, it cannot possibly authorize the development of a propane terminal or, indeed, any fossil-fuel-oriented infrastructure within the region.

In addition, the need to rezone a designated wildlife habitat might be the most obvious red flag that this is not a good proposal. The inherent dangers from earthquake or other possible cause or ignition sources of a disastrous BLEVE should add to the list of reasons for rejection of the proposal.

You are in receipt of an excellent white paper from Northwest Citizen Science Initiative, to which I have nothing to add. I do, however, strongly urge you to closely study and consider the information and analysis it contains.

As we struggle to find our way forward to a truly healthy and sustainable future, no such project should seduce us with false claims of “greater sustainability” as compared to other fossil fuel-based energy supplies. We must reject the false paradigms propounded by defenders of a lethal, dying industry and a clearly unsustainable way of life.

The definition of leadership is deeply entwined with the definition of vision. Be the leaders you should be, regardless of whom you think elected you. Refuse to serve those whose opinions are based on short-term thinking.

All our resources and efforts must be marshaled in the single direction of developing smart, safe and sustainable sources of energy. Were the port to seek to develop a wind or solar-based project at the site I feel sure that you would not hear one word of dissent. In fact, if asked, hundreds of us would show up with our wheelbarrows, shovels and hard hats to join joyfully in the building of such a forward-thinking enterprise.

Please do not compromise on this or any proposal that leads away from a concerted effort to stop harming, but rather start healing, our home.

Respectfully,

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