

Dear Representative Power,

Thanks so much for sponsoring this far-sighted initiative to finally wrest control of state energy policy from the corporations that profit from it. The public has long been exposed to the risks posed by fossil fuel development and transport. The climate system is on the verge of collapse from the emissions of green house gases from these projects and policies. For a long time the economic wisdom was that any development was good development. We know now that was not true.

Here is our opportunity to begin to turn that notion around. The thought of mystery trains of flammable, explosive liquids rolling unchecked through Oregon is the stuff of nightmares for families in the blast zone.

By locking up state lands against new fossil fuel pipelines and facilities we can end the complicity of state policy with climate busting industries.

I am hoping this bill will find its way to a full debate in the legislature. Thanks so much for your leadership on this critical issue.

Very Best,

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