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Climate change is creating momentous challenges for Oregonians: in Portland, Oregon, members of the Democratic Socialists of America Portland Chapter, many of whom are PERS contributors, want to elevate the conversation around air and water quality in the city. We see how the investment in the fossil fuel industry is hampering the growth for sustainable alternatives, keeps the status quo as the norm for transportation within the city, limits investments that advocate for equity for frontline and BIPOC communities, and will contribute to more fires in Oregon's wilderness and forests. We want to at least see proper transparency in which companies the Oregon Investment Council invests to what degree.