

Submitted testimony from Susan D Bladholm, Portland below the line:

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State of Oregon leaders: It's time to get serious about climate change.

Please stop asking for our testimonials, for community-led action, and for providing meaningful solutions. Many of us have done that—for years (Frog Ferry is in its eighth year) and we have not seen a meaningful shift for status quo planning and focusing on "sunk costs."

Leaders lead, they don't simply listen. We need champions to work with us- those of us who are worried about future generations and who are providing solutions steeped in data, proven operations, equity, and battling climate change.

If you want to truly serve Oregonians meaningfully and equitably, sit down with us and give us one-third the time you do with publicly funded agencies that inherently are trying to fund the status quo. Please disrupt the insanity of doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result.

Be curious. Be skeptical of agencies throwing shade on efforts that may threaten their ability to continue operations as they always have been. Ask to see the impact—how many passengers are we getting out of single occupancy cars? Ask to see the timetable for completing projects (in comparison to our climate goal deadline of 2030). Please look at trends and best practices of other climate-focused cities around the world and initiatives they are moving forward.

We know you are busy and unappreciated. But please do your homework and join any one of the many climate action nonprofits that are working so hard to advocate for a safe, equitable, and vibrant future. Please don't just read this testimonial; please join us and help lead us out of this distress loop. – Susan frogferry.com 503.319.2164