

Dear Anna,

Together for Democracy, Safety, and Community Well-Being

A healthy democracy is essential to a healthy society—and it needs our care and commitment, especially now. In moments of uncertainty and unrest, our collective actions can help protect the safety and dignity of our communities. Whether it's checking in on neighbors, contacting your elected officials and regulatory agencies, or donating to organizations and causes, every act of solidarity helps strengthen the fabric of our shared well-being.

When we gather in protest or speak out for justice, it's vital that we do so with intention, compassion, and care for one another. Our goal is protection, peace, and the creation of a future rooted in safety, equity, and love. Let's continue to show up with clear purpose and deep care, keeping each other safe as we work together for a more just and humane world.

Calls for Immediate Ceasefire and Return to Diplomacy with Iran

On early Friday morning the state of Israel began bombing the Iranian city of Tehran. Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility strongly condemns Israel's military strikes on Iran and joins the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) in calling for an immediate ceasefire to prevent further loss of human life and destruction.

You can read the full statement from the IPPNW here.



Act Now: Let's Make Oregon's Transportation Package Healthy and Equitable

Oregon PSR and our partners in the Move Oregon Forward Coalition have helped shape the transportation package now moving through the legislature—but it's still missing critical investments in clean air, safety, and equity.

We need your voice to ensure the final package includes funding for transportation electrification and community paths. These investments are essential to reduce pollution, improve public health, and ensure safe, accessible mobility options for all Oregonians.

A simple solution is on the table: a 4% tax on luxury vehicles over \$75,000. This small surcharge would protect working families while funding climate-smart transportation and clean vehicle infrastructure.

But legislators are also considering cuts to existing safety, rail, and transit programs. We can't let that happen.

<u>Tell your legislators: Oregon needs a transportation package that prioritizes health, safety, and equity—for everyone.</u>

Call and/or email your State Representatives and Senator with this message:

Dear [legislator name- you can find your legislators here],

As your constituent, I am [writing/speaking] to you today to express my support for the historic investments in Great Streets, Safe Routes to School, wildlife crossings, and transit funding in the 2025 transportation package. Please prioritize preserving the safety and transit investments already in HB 2025.

However, I was disappointed to see that there were no investments in transportation electrification and community paths. To meet our transit needs, maintain community health, and achieve our climate goals, we require these investments.

A proposed 4% tax on luxury vehicles exceeding \$75,000 will help close the funding gap in the current transportation package, allowing for investments in these vital programs. This targeted tax will affect only the top end of the market, not everyday working families. Essentially, everyday motorists will remain untouched while we deliver health and transit wins across the state, leaving no Oregonian behind.

Please share your support with leadership and your colleagues on the Joint Committee on Transportation for a 4% tax on luxury vehicles exceeding \$75,000, which will fund transportation electrification and support community paths.

Sincerely,

Name

City, Oregon

Support Electrification: Attend the Climate, Resilience, and Land Use Committee

- Thursday, June 26th, 2025
- 9:15 AM 11:30 AM
- City Hall, Council Chambers, 2nd Floor (1221 SW Fourth Avenue, Portland, OR 97204)



Voice your support for healthy indoor and outdoor air quality. Support electrification by attending the next City of Portland Climate, Resilience, and Land Use Committee meeting! Healthy Climate Action Team member, Melanie Plaut, MD, will be presenting about the health harms of gas in the home and the health benefits of electrification. Make sure to WEAR RED. You can also tune in virtually via the City's YouTube Channel, the Open Signal website, or Xfinity Channel 30 and 330.



Celebrate Juneteenth, aka Freedom Day, Across Oregon and SW Washington

As we mark Juneteenth—the day in 1865 when the last enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas learned they were free—we honor the strength, resilience, and ongoing struggle for justice of Black communities in Oregon and across the country.

At Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility, we recognize that racism is a public health crisis, and that health equity cannot exist without racial justice. Juneteenth is not only a celebration of freedom, but also a powerful reminder of the work still ahead to dismantle systems of oppression and ensure that every person has the opportunity to thrive in safe, healthy communities.

We invite you to join us in commemorating Juneteenth by participating in local celebrations, educational events, and community gatherings throughout the state.

Click here to explore Juneteenth events happening near you and find out about Black-led organizations you can support!

Whether you gather with neighbors, support Black-led organizations, local and visiting artists and performers, and community-members, or take time to reflect on and take action for the ongoing fight for justice—your engagement matters.

Celebrate Pride Month and Find Events Happening Near You!

At Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility, we celebrate Pride Month as a time to honor the strength, joy, and resilience of LGBTQI+ communities—and to reaffirm our commitment to health, dignity, and justice for all.



Pride is more than a celebration. It's a reminder that public health and human rights are deeply intertwined. LGBTQI+ Oregonians continue to face disparities in health care access, safety, and social support. As health professionals and advocates, we recognize that supporting LGBTQI+ communities is essential to advancing a more just and healthy world.

This month, we encourage you to show up—joyfully and intentionally. Attend a local Pride event, support LGBTQI+-led organizations, uplift queer artists and performers, and find ways to stand in solidarity all year long.

Click here to find Pride events happening near you!

Let's celebrate love, equity, and liberation—together.



Save the Date: 2025 Hiroshima & Nagasaki Memorial

Never Again: Art Speaks Where Words Fail — Art's Enduring Protest 80 Years Later

Wednesday, August 6th, 2025

Japanese American Historical Plaza, Portland, OR

This year marks **80 years** since the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. As we reflect on this solemn anniversary, we invite you to join Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility for our **annual memorial event** honoring the lives lost, the survivors (hibakusha), and the global movement to abolish nuclear weapons.

Our 2025 theme,

Never Again: Art Speaks Where Words Fail — Art's Enduring Protest 80 Years Later

highlights the role of art as an enduring protest—telling stories, expressing grief, and inspiring action when words alone cannot.

The memorial will feature local speakers, artists, and performers including:

Performers:

- Portland Taiko
- BRAVO Youth Orchestra Quartet
- Tsubaki Bayou Doukoukai

Keynote Speaker:

Todd Yuzuriha - Co-Founder of the Minidoka Swing Band

Speaker:

<u>Emily Washines, MPA and scholar</u> - is an enrolled Yakama Nation tribal member with Cree and Skokomish lineage. Her blog, <u>Native Friends</u>, focuses on history and culture. Building understanding and support for Native Americans is evident in her films, writing, speaking, and exhibits.

Along with others soon to be announced.

We hope you will gather with us in remembrance, resistance, and hope.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

More details and RSVP information will be shared in the coming weeks.

If you would like to volunteer at the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Memorial, please contact Matthew Moran at matthew@oregonpsr.org

We are incredibly thankful to the current sponsors of the 2025 Hiroshima and Nagasaki Memorial.

- Veterans for Peace PDX
- Hiroshima Club
- Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education
- Japanese American Museum of Oregon
- Columbia Riverkeeper
- Multnomah Meeting of Friends

If you are interested in sponsoring this year's event, please contact Regna Merritt at director@oregonpsr.org

Please support our work on this year's Portland Hiroshima and Nagasaki Commemoration Event.

Donate



You're Invited to OregonPSR's June PJAT Meeting!

June Peace & Justice Action Team Meeting

- Wednesday, June 25th, 2025
- **№** 5:30 PM 6:30 PM
- Virtual Meeting (Zoom link will be shared upon RSVP)

Join us for our next <u>Peace and Justice Action Team Meeting</u>, where Oregon PSR members and community partners come together to learn, strategize, and take action for a more peaceful, just, and sustainable world.

Whether you're a longtime team member or brand new to the work, your voice and perspective are welcome. These meetings are a space to connect, build community, and engage with the critical issues facing our world today.

The speaker for this month's meeting is still being finalized—we'll be sharing more details soon. But we can promise good conversation, meaningful updates, and

ways to take action together.

We hope to see you there!

P.S Mark your calendar for the July 30th PJAT meeting! We're excited to host nuclear policy expert Joshua Baker PhD.



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