

Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility

Dear Anna,

Big changes and big updates are the theme of April for Oregon PSR. In this issue of our newsletter, you will find an exciting legislative update, action items, information about upcoming events, and a goodbye to our Clean Air Organizer Carina Perez-Europa.



Legislative Update

Many of our bills are moving successfully through the legislative process and we have your support to thank! We are immensely grateful for all of the support from members like you through testimony, lobby day attendance, letter writing campaigns and more.

Many of our priority bills such as SB 520 - Early Compassionate Medical Release, SB 488 - Medical Incineration Study, HB 2918 Racism as Public Health Issue Pilot Project Funding, The Building Resilience Package SB 868 - SB 871 and more have moved through with immense community support.

There is a little more than 50 days left in this legislative session and while there are less opportunities for public comment, **we still need to show community**

support for the bills we want to see passed!

Check out our [Legislative Update](#) to find ways to take action and get the details on our advocacy in action.



Goodbye to Carina Perez Europa

Our Clean Air Organizer Carina has transitioned out of her role and Oregon PSR. Her work around incineration has been vital to protecting the health and air of communities surrounding the Covanta Incinerator in Brooks, OR. We will miss her greatly and are excited to see all she will accomplish in her new position.

Upcoming Events:

Rumble on the River #7 on May 23rd, 2023 at 6pm

Join us for the seventh Rumble on the River! We will continue discussing the CEI Hub, Zenith and ways to take action.

Amazing panelist for the event include:

- Jay Wilson – Past Chair, Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission;
- Former Resilience Fellow, National Institute for Standards and Technology
- Sterling Stokes – Campaign Manager with Portland Harbor Community Coalition

- Dan Serres – Conservation Director with Columbia Riverkeeper
- Ben Stevenson – Climate Justice Organizer with Sunrise Movement PDX. Student
- Moderator: Margaret Butler – Grassroots Climate Organizer/Former Union Organizer & President of Portland Jobs with Justice

[Find more event details here!](#)

[Attend the 14th Annual Latino Health Equity Conference June 4th](#)

[Familias en Acción](#) is hosting their fourteenth annual Latino Health Equity Conference, Building Climate Resilience. The conference focuses on how the climate crisis impacts Latino health presently and in generations to come.

Oregon PSR will be there, and we hope to see you in attendance!

[RSVP today.](#)

Action Items:

- **Wednesday May 3rd at 5pm** in Salem, OR there will be a hybrid hearing. If you are able to show up in-person, please do! Otherwise, you can testify virtually. [Register to testify here!](#)
- **Contact your Representative** to share your support for [important legislation](#)! Find your representative here: [2023 Find Your Legislator \(arcgis.com\)](#).
- **Contact the Joint Ways and Means committee members** to share your support for [important legislation](#)! You can find committee members contact information here: [Ways and Means Joint 2023 Regular Session - Oregon Legislative Information System \(oregonlegislature.gov\)](#).

In Gratitude,



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