Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility

Dear Anna.

We have big plans for 2023! Thanks to our members we were able to surpass our year end fundraising goal and raise a total of \$50,000! These funds will allow us to get dangerous gas out of our homes, advocate for early compassionate medical release within the justice system, promote peace and nuclear disarmament and much more. We cannot do this work without our members. You can help us create a healthier and more peaceful world by becoming a member today.



Become a Member

<u>Legislative Priorities</u>

As the Oregon legislature kicks off its 2023 session, Oregon PSR is supporting a number of bills to promote a healthy climate, environmental health, and racial justice that will make our state a healthier place to live. We are also opposing a few dangerous bills that would allow radioactive waste producing nuclear reactors and prohibit local action to replace methane gas with clean electricity.

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2023 Doomsday Clock

The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists has set the Doomsday Clock at 90 seconds to midnight. The closest it has been since the start of the clock in 1947. This year "the Bulletin's Science and Security board is taking many factors into consideration in setting the Clock for 2023—from the horrific war in Ukraine to the worsening climate crisis to disruptive technologies like artificial intelligence to growing concerns around biosecurity." The Bulletin was started in 1945 by Albert Einstein and University of Chicago scientists who helped develop the first atomic weapons in the Manhattan Project. Since their foundation they have been focused on protecting humanity and the planet from destruction.

Learn more about the Doomsday Clock and the Bulletin by <u>visiting their</u> website.

Introducing Hope Yamasaki, Our Newest Board Member!

Oregon PSR is thrilled to welcome Hope Yamasaki as our newest board member. Hope has always been passionate about intersectionality, education, and the environment, and as a longtime Oregon resident, Hope has worked hard to address these topics in her community.

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Action Items

Improving Early Compassionate Medical Release in Oregon

SB 520 will greatly improve the process for adults in custody who have pressing medical needs that cannot be met by state prisons.



Join us and Take Action Today

Take Action for Early Compassionate Medical Release

Over the last few years, one of the many injustices that the COVID-19 pandemic has spotlighted is how prisons fail to protect the health of adults in custody. Crowded prisons with insufficient access to masks and hygiene infrastructure have caused Oregonians in prison to become sick and die from COVID-19. People with histories of incarceration are already in worse physical and mental health according to research by the U.S. Department for Health and Human Services. Fortunately, we have a plan to improve Oregon's process for compassionate medical release. Senate Bill 520 will establish an independent Medical Release Advisory Committee (MRAC) of health professionals within the Board of Parole and make recommendations for inmate medical releases based on medical and public health criteria. SB 520 will greatly improve the process for adults in custody who have pressing medical needs that cannot be met by state prisons.

Join the fight and send a letter to your Representative!

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Zenith Sign on Letter

Zenith is back again trying to bring more dangerous oil trains into Portland. Portland City Council approved Zenith Energy's latest Energy's Land Use Compatibility Statement (LUCS) application despite denying it a year ago due to the fact that "Zenith's crude oil operations were not compatible with Portland's land use and planning goals, particularly when it comes to climate goals". City Council Members have ignored outcry from the public and it's time they listened. Join us and in sharing our health and safest concerns around Zenith's operations in Oregon.

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In Peace and Health,



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