

TESTIMONY AT COAL TERMINAL HEARING
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Madam/Mister Chair

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Today we are considering the local and regional effects AND the PLANETARY effects of an immense coal transport operation.

We have extensive laws and regulations regarding local and regional threats to chronic human disease, environmental contamination, dangerous fire and explosion prevention, inconvenience in travel..... the list of such things is LONG. It is not simple; but is quite possible to make decisions that satisfy the present laws.

On the other hand,

We have widespread understanding that we are causing warming of our planet leading inevitably to conditions in which our human species cannot survive. Although we have broad-based popular and governmental statements that global warming is dangerous and needs to be prevented BUT WE HAVE THUS FAR BEEN UNABLE TO PASS THE LAWS that can help us make the necessary changes. (The city of Portland is one exception in limiting new fossil fuel facilities)

We need to wait NO LONGER to begin the effort to reverse global warming . These choices need to be made by descretion by legally appointed and legally elected officials such as yourselves because of the clearly evident threat to the LONG TERM COMMON GOOD— THE SURVIVAL OF THE HUMAN GENOME.

I request of each of you: PLEASE RECOMMEND AGAINST THIS TERMINAL.