

## Oregon Investment Council Public Comment

December 6, 2023

Good afternoon madam chair and board, my name is Nichole Heil with the Private Equity Stakeholder Project. I'm submitting public comment regarding the OIC's investment in the Rio Grande LNG export terminal via the fund's commitment to private equity firm, Global Infrastructure Partners.

OIC invested [\\$350 million into Global Infrastructure Partners' Fund V](#). [Global Infrastructure Partners Fund V](#) is an investor in the proposed [Rio Grande LNG](#) through Global Infrastructure Partner's \$3.5 billion investment, making the firm the largest stakeholder with a [minimum 46% ownership stake](#) in the project. This comes after French bank Société Générale [pulled](#) support for the project. GIP's Rio Grande is among several proposed LNG terminals that have been "repeatedly delayed due to rising construction, labor and borrowing costs" and volatile gas prices, [according to Reuters](#).

There is already significant community and legal opposition to this project. If built, the Rio Grande LNG terminal is estimated to emit the equivalent [emissions of 44 coal power plants every year](#), about 163 million tons of carbon dioxide equivalent.

The [Rio Grande LNG terminal would be built on](#) sacred land of the Carrizo Comecrudo Tribe of Texas yet Rio Grande LNG, regulatory agencies and banks have all failed to consult with the tribe on local impacts. Additionally, [the facilities would significantly degrade](#) local fishing, shrimping and natural tourism industries putting communities' livelihoods at risk.

Liquefied Natural Gas is often lauded as a cleaner alternative to coal or other fossil fuels, but in a [study recently submitted to a peer reviewed](#) journal by a professor at Cornell University, LNG fuels may in fact be worse for the environment and emit more greenhouse gasses than coal due to leakage during the transportation process.

LNG may not be a pathway to alignment with the 1.5 degree warming targets of the Paris Agreement and thus poses a financial risk to institutional investors such as the OIC. Recent [studies](#) expect global equity returns to decline by 50% by 2060 if financial funds do not align with Paris Agreement goals.

Future global demand for LNG is also highly uncertain. The IEA forecasts that demand for gas, oil and coal will all peak before 2030, and has noted that demand for gas growth has slowed considerably, leading to concerns about a ["glut of LNG"](#). Sinking

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millions of dollars into massive gas infrastructure exposes OIC to [financial and environmental risks](#).

To address the financial, social, and ecological risks of the Rio Grande LNG terminal, we urge the OIC to join our calls to halt the build out of the Rio Grande LNG terminal in Brownsville Texas.

Sincerely,

Nichole Heil  
Research and Campaign Coordinator  
Private Equity Stakeholder Project

**From:** [Araxi Grigorian-Best](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Comment for OIC  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 12:14:07 PM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems.

Elbit Systems Ltd, headquartered in Israel, designs, manufactures, and sells munitions, combat vehicles, drones, electronic warfare systems, cybersecurity technologies, and other weapons and surveillance systems.

For years, these weapons have routinely been used against Palestinian civilians, resulting in numerous casualties as well as mass destruction of homes and civilian infrastructure, including hospitals, schools, and water and electric systems.

As an Oregon taxpayer, I object to my taxes being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people. In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions. We will not be complicit, and we will not be silent. Divest Now!

Araxi Grigorian-Best

**From:** [barbmcoly@comcast.net](mailto:barbmcoly@comcast.net)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Comment to Oregon Investment Council  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 10:06:08 AM

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Dear Oregon State Investment Council members,

My comment refers to Oregon Treasury's commitment of \$251 million to Global Infrastructure V (GIP) and \$99 million to Global Infrastructure V Co-investment to fund the proposed Rio Grande LNG export terminal near Brownsville, TX. Global Infrastructures Partners Fund V is a large portion of the funding (~46%) for the ecologically harmful project that, if built, will emit the equivalent of 44 coal powered plants every year, pave over a "greenfield" of undeveloped wetlands, pollute nearby wildlife refuges, and divide a national wildlife corridor. It will transform undeveloped sites near the Port of Brownsville into industrial-scale export hubs complete with storage tanks, flare stacks, and **explosion risks!**

The terminal, if built, will be situated in a community that is 94% Hispanic or Latinx, 80% Spanish speaking, and nearly **28% of the population lives in poverty**. The region already struggles with major health disparities and is at high risk from climate change impacts [https://www.ran.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/RGV\\_LNG\\_2023\\_UPDATE-1.pdf](https://www.ran.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/RGV_LNG_2023_UPDATE-1.pdf)

In addition to environmental justice impacts, the proposed LNG facility would be located on an ancestral burial site of the Carrizo Comecrudo Tribe listed by the World Monuments Fund as endangered and irreplaceable. The tribe has not been consulted on protecting sacred artifacts.

The proposed Rio Grande LNG terminal has faced widespread local opposition, which has caused 2 banks to withdraw their support and others to develop exclusion policies for LNG. Over five years behind schedule, the two remaining LNG terminals (out of 5 originally) have been plagued with delays because of opposition, lawsuits, and the unstable gas market. Sounds like a bad financial investment on top of all the harm it may cause.

The Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) [estimated](#) that LNG demand will not exceed 150 bcm in 2030, leaving a potential gap of around 256 bcm of unused capacity. Continued investments in LNG could create stranded asset risks for institutional investors.

Financial support for new fossil fuel projects like this, especially greenfield projects, is in direct opposition to any 2030 target or 2050 net zero emissions goal. Oregon State pension funds should not be involved in dirty fuel projects that harm marginalized people.

Board members, please halt the building of the Rio Grande LNG Terminal via your Global Infrastructure Partners Fund investment. Thank you for doing your difficult and important jobs.

Respectfully,

Barbara Carey



**From:** [Saff Addams](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Dec. 6th Meeting Public Comment  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 9:42:41 AM

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Saff Addams

**From:** [James Renola](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Divest from Elbit Systems now!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 6:42:55 PM

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James Renola

 Portland OR 97213

**From:** [Yasmeen S. Hanoosh](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Divest from Elbit Systems NOW!  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 11:42:28 AM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

As a PERS recipient, I ask you to please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. As an Oregon PERS recipient, I object to my taxes being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people. In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions. We will not be complicit, and we will not be silent. Divest Now!

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For years, these weapons have routinely been used against Palestinian civilians, resulting in numerous casualties as well as mass destruction of homes and civilian infrastructure, including hospitals, schools, and water and electric systems. These attacks include war crimes that Israel has committed during several major military offensives against the [Gaza Strip](#), which has been [illegally blockaded](#) since 2007:

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**Border Monitoring and Surveillance in the US and Abroad:**

- Elbit has also provided its surveillance technologies—"[field-proven](#)" on Palestinians and installed along Israel's border walls—to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) since 2006. The company provides U.S. immigration authorities with fixed and [mobile/relocatable](#) surveillance systems, ground sensors, drones, Border Patrol command and control platforms, and other technologies. Elbit has [become](#) one of 14 "giants in the [U.S.] border security business" in its bid to "[build](#) a 'layer' of electronic surveillance equipment across the entire perimeter of the U.S.," expanding "not only to the northern border [the U.S.–Canadian border], but to the ports and harbors across the country."
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Best,  
Yasmeen Hanoosh

**From:** [cynthia.gilliam](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** DIVEST from ELBIT SYSTEMS  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 12:11:59 PM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,  
Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor **Elbit Systems**. As an Oregon taxpayer and PERS recipient, I object to my taxes and pension being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people.

In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions. **We will not be complicit, and we will not be silent. Divest Now!**

Here is what you need to know about Elbit Systems LTD.

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PLEASE DIVEST NOW.

Cynthia Gilliam

Oregon taxpayer and PERS member

**From:** [Mara Zusman](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Divest from Elbit Systems  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 11:50:28 AM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. As an Oregon taxpayer and spouse of a PERS recipient I object to our taxes and pension being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people. In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions. We will not be complicit, and we will not be silent. Divest Now!

Sincerely,  
Mara Zusman, Jewish-American Portland Oregon resident  
[REDACTED] Portland OR 97266

**From:** [Judith Lienhard](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Divest from Elbit Systems  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 9:40:18 AM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council:

I am writing as a concerned community member, a retired nurse and military veteran and a member of Jewish Voice for Peace to ask you to immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. As an Oregon taxpayer, I object to my taxes being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people. In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions. We will not be complicit, and we will not be silent. Divest Now!

Judith Lienhard, [REDACTED], Portland Oregon 97225

additional information on Elbit:

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## **BORDER MONITORING AND SURVEILLANCE IN THE US AND ABROAD**

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**From:** [David Raphael](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Divest from Elbit Systems  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 9:40:43 AM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. As an Oregon resident and taxpayer, I object to my taxes being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people. In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed over 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions.

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We will not be complicit, and we will not be silent. Divest Now! Respectfully,  
David

David Raphael



**From:** [Keri Hughes](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Divest from Elbit Systems  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 3:42:05 PM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

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Regards,

Keri Hughes (she/her)

**From:** [Olivia Buscho](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** divest from Elbit Systems  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 4:54:17 PM

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Members of the Oregon Investment Council:

My name is Olivia and I am an Oregon taxpayer demanding that you immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. My taxes must not be used to support Israeli war crimes and genocide against the Palestinian people. In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed around 20,000 civilians, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions. I refuse to be complicit. Divest now!

Thank you,  
Olivia

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Olivia Buscho  
*she/they*

**From:** [Alice Phalan](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Cc:** [Alice Phalan](#)  
**Subject:** Divest from Elbit Systems  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 5:40:47 PM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems.

As an Oregon [taxpayer/PERS recipient], I object to my [taxes/pension] being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people. In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit.

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Respectfully,  
Alice Phalan

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Laura N](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Divest from Elbit Systems  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 10:15:27 PM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. As an Oregon taxpayer and PERS member, I object to my taxes and retirement benefits being used to build weapons of war. As an educator and domestic violence survivor advocate, I have dedicated my career to protecting the life and self-determination of women and young people. In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions. Furthermore, investing my hard earned dollars in this company is a violation of my personal religious values and my professional ethics. We will not be complicit, and we will not be silent. Divest Now!

Sincerely,

Laura Nitti

**From:** [June Forsyth Kenagy](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Divest from Elbit!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 7:31:08 PM

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Dear folks,

Since Elbit is aiding Israel's slaughter of civilians in Gaza by providing military equipment for the bombardment there, I ask that you divest from Elbit Systems immediately and also demand a *permanent* ceasefire!

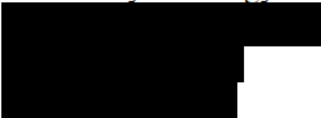
Please do not be complicit in ethnic cleansing, war crimes, and genocide as verified and cited by respected world human rights organizations, namely B'tselem, Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International.

Israel's horrid bombing campaign, surrounding and evacuating hospitals, leaving patients to die, **MUST BE STOPPED NOW**. It cannot be allowed to go on for months. It is *counterproductive, producing more Hamas volunteers than it kills*. Israeli brutality simply creates more Hamas activists who understandably hate Israel for leveling their neighborhoods, businesses, hospitals, and for killing their loved ones.

Please withdraw Oregon pension funds from Elbit, now!

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June Forsyth Kenagy





**From:** [Annie DeVoe](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** DIVEST FROM ELBIT  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 9:33:44 AM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

My name is Annie DeVoe and I am a lifetime resident of Oregon.

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Annie DeVoe

**From:** [Lowen Berman](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** divest now !!!  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 9:30:15 AM

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As an Oregon citizen and tax payer and as an American Jew I implore you to divest from Elbit systems and any other companies connected in any way with the Israeli military. It is in no way antisemitic to oppose genocidal violence and to support justice, compassion and equality . To oppose Zionism is to be true to Jewish values and history..

Lowen Berman, Portland Oregon

**From:** [Maha al-yousufi](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Divest now  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 1:24:29 AM

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#### **Border Monitoring and Surveillance in the US and Abroad:**

- Elbit has also provided its surveillance technologies—"field-proven" on Palestinians and installed along Israel's border walls—to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) since 2006. The company provides U.S. immigration authorities with fixed and [mobile/relocatable](#) surveillance systems, ground sensors, drones, Border Patrol command and control platforms, and other technologies. Elbit has [become](#) one of 14 "giants in the [U.S.] border security business" in its bid to "[build](#) a 'layer' of electronic surveillance equipment across the entire perimeter of the U.S.," expanding "not only to the northern border [the U.S.–Canadian border], but to the ports and harbors across the country."
- In 2006, Elbit [acted](#) as a [Boeing](#) subcontractor on CBP's Secure Border Initiative Network (SBInet) project, which attempted to create a "virtual wall" along the entire U.S.–Mexico border. As part of the project, Elbit provided Integrated Fixed Towers (IFTs) for deployment along stretches of the border in Arizona. IFTs [are](#) 160-foot surveillance towers outfitted with high-definition cameras, sensors, and advanced radars capable of detecting individuals and vehicles up to 7.5 miles away. [Providing](#) "constant 24/7 surveillance" along portions of the border, these surveillance towers send real-time data to Border Patrol agents at an Elbit-powered Torch command and control station.

**From:** [eric.m](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Divest Now!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 10:15:31 PM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. As an Oregon taxpayer, I object to my taxes being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people. In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. Elbit supplies the Israeli military with a wide variety of weapons, including missiles, bombs, drones, gun systems, and ammunition. Elbit technologies, including [Torch-X](#) command and control, electronic warfare (EW), display, and warning systems, are also integrated into the Israeli military's main fighter aircraft, battle tanks, and warships. For years, these weapons have routinely been used against Palestinian civilians, resulting in numerous casualties as well as mass destruction of homes and civilian infrastructure, including hospitals, schools, and water and electric systems. These attacks include war crimes that Israel has committed during several major military offensives against the [Gaza Strip](#), which has been [illegally blockaded](#) since 2007. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions. We will not be complicit, and we will not be silent. Divest Now!

Sincerely,

Eric Moenter



**From:** [Katharine S](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Cc:** [Rep Sanchez](#); [Sen Frederick](#)  
**Subject:** Divest PERS from Elbit Systems for war crimes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 11:56:56 AM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. Given the atrocities committed in Gaza with Elbit munitions, this investment is unacceptable.

As an Oregon taxpayer, as well as a past (and likely future) PERS recipient, I object to my taxes and any pension being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people. In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 innocent civilians - including more than 6,000 children!! - using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. Countless others have been horrifically injured by these mutilating weapons. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in multiple war crimes forbidden by the Geneva Conventions.

**As a teacher who has worked in Oregon public and private schools**, my heart is absolutely broken by the many thousands of needless deaths, severe injuries, and mutilations - of children and youth in particular - by weapons made by Elbit systems. These are crimes against humanity, and they will do nothing to change or deflect any past or future enemy attacks because they are targeting civilians. They are targeting children.

Please, please DIVEST NOW from Elbit Systems.

Thank you very much for your time.

Kind regards,

Katharine Sprecher  
97211

**From:** [Helena Birecki](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Divest PERS from Elbit Systems  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 12:05:56 AM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

I join the American Friends Service Committee\* in calling on you to immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems.

As an Oregon taxpayer, I object to my taxes being used to support Israeli military attacks against the Palestinian people. In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions. We will not be complicit, and we will not be silent.

Divest now!

Sincerely,  
Helena

\*<https://investigate.afsc.org/issue-companies/61>

**From:** [Suzanna Kassouf](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Divest PERS from Elbit  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 9:33:27 AM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. **As a public school teacher, and PERS recipient, I object to my pension being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people.** In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions. We will not be complicit, and we will not be silent. Divest Now!

Thank you,  
Suzanna Kassouf

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*When it's over, I want to say: all my life I was a bride married to amazement. I was the bridegroom, taking the world into my arms.  
// Mary Oliver*



**From:** [Valori](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Divest PERS funds from Elbit Systems  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 10:45:44 AM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. As an Oregon taxpayer, I object to my taxes being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people.

In less than two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, using missiles, bombs, drones, weapon systems and ammunition made by Elbit. Those civilian deaths include an estimated 6,000 children, with unknown numbers still under rubble. Last month the UN Secretary General described Gaza as becoming a "graveyard for children." How do you kill that many children in that short time? It's either targeted or it's indiscriminate.

In less than two months, 53 journalists and media workers in Gaza have been killed, 3 are reported missing, 11 injured, their media centers have been bombed, their homes have been destroyed and family members killed. How do you kill that many journalists in that short time? It's either targeted or it's indiscriminate.

According to the United Nations, more UN aid workers have been killed in Gaza than in any other conflict in the organization's 78-year history. More than 100 aid workers have been killed, more than 30 injured, and more than 60 UN facilities have sustained significant damage from Israeli strikes. Whether these strikes are targeted or indiscriminate, either way they are war crimes.

For years these weapons have been routinely used against Palestinian civilians, resulting in massive injury and death, and mass destruction of homes, hospitals, schools, water and electric systems and other crucial civilian infrastructure. These attacks include war crimes that Israel has committed during other major military attacks on the Gaza Strip, specifically in 2008-09, 2014, 2021 and 2022.

The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in war

crimes. We will not be complicit, and we will not be silent. Divest now! Valori  
George  
Corvallis, OR

**From:** [Courtney Childs](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Divest PERS funds from Elbit Systems  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 11:35:00 AM

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To the Oregon Investment Council:

I request that you immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. As an Oregon taxpayer, I object to my taxes being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people.

The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in war crimes. Please divest now.

Courtney Childs  
Corvallis, Oregon

**From:** [Nicolia Mehrling](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Do not invest in Elbit Systems or other Israeli Military contractors  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 12:05:13 PM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. As an Oregon taxpayer, I object to my taxes being used to support unchecked Israeli military violence against the Palestinian people. In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions.

Elbit Systems Ltd, headquartered in Israel, designs, manufactures, and sells munitions, combat vehicles, drones, electronic warfare systems, cybersecurity technologies, and other weapons and surveillance systems. These weapons are then used against civilians, to enforce illegal occupation and a horrific siege on Gaza.

Please divest immediately.

Thank you,

Nicolia

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Nicolia Mehrling

"It is not given to us to know which acts or by whom, will cause the critical mass to tip toward an enduring good." -Clarissa Pinkola Estes

*I currently check my email 1-2 times a week. If your message is time-sensitive, please put **"TIME SENSITIVE"** in the subject line or call/text me at [REDACTED]*

**From:** [Eleanor Wynn](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Elbit systems  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 11:34:11 AM

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This email is from a party external to Treasury. Use care with links and attachments.

Please disinvest from this company. We cannot support war crimes and apartheid with our tax dollars.

15,000 killed and counting, hospitals, schools, places of worship bombed, no civil liberties for Palestinians anywhere in Israel.

Colin Powell's former Chief of Staff, Col. Lawrence Wilkerson, a very smart man, has called Netanyahu and his cabinet "Nazis."

That should be a signal.

Eleanor Wynn  
West Linn OR  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Dianne Eckstein](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Elbit Systems  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 9:11:39 PM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council

I am calling on you to divest from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. I am an Oregon taxpayer and I object to investments in companies that are responsible for war crimes. The bombardment of Gaza has killed thousands, including thousands of children. And where should they live once this atrocity ends? Schools, homes, hospitals, playgrounds are destroyed. I do not wish to see Oregon taxpayer money being complicit in this horror.

Sincerely,  
Dianne Eckstein  
South Beach, Or  
97366

**From:** [Peter Miller](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** End investments to Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 8:48:48 AM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems.

As an Oregon taxpayer, I object to my taxes being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people.

In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit.

It is chilling to see the level of destruction in Gaza. Ten times more children have been killed in Gaza in just two months than have been killed in the last two years of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Starvation, thirst, disease are starting to take their toll.

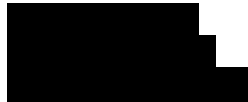
The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions.

I do not want to be complicit in these crimes. Nor do I want my state to support this violence.

Please divest from Elbit Systems immediately!

Sincerely,

Peter Miller



**From:** [John Hudanish](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** GENOCIDE IN GAZA  
**Date:** Sunday, November 26, 2023 9:47:46 PM

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OIC public Comments

The Oregon Public Employees Retirement Fund (OPERF) has numerous equities supporting the Israeli occupation of territory designated for Palestinian Arabs.



I am a retired employee of the State of Oregon, and a US Army veteran of the unnecessary and avoidable Vietnam War, in which armed forces of the United States slaughtered nearly three million Vietnamese nationals, most of them noncombatants, and then dismissed this horrific carnage as "collateral damage," an immoral euphemism of the first magnitude.

When I was a little boy in three-cornered pants, European Jews were perishing in NAZI death camps during the HOLOCAUST. Now I am an old man, and today Jews are the perpetrators of another holocaust, in an effort to drive Palestinian Arabs out of their homes to make room for more Jews.

Unfortunately, the United States of America is Israel's enabler in this current campaign of ethnic cleansing. And retired employees of the State of Oregon, like me, are, through PERS, unwitting participants in this campaign, and the genocide that follows.

All of us must reject every manifestation of anti-semitism. But the reader may be surprised to learn that today the country in which anti-semitism is most virulent is none other than Israel, if you will just pause to consider that the Palestinian Arabs are a semitic people.

Oregon PERS must quickly divest of its investments supporting Israeli genocide and ethnic cleansing in the Middle East

John Hudanish  
  


NB: PLEASE POST THIS email WHERE  
IT WILL GET THE MOST ATTENTION!



**From:** [Mary King](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Get our PERS \$\$ out of Elbit  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 5:29:52 PM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. As an Oregon PERS retiree, I strongly object to my pension being used to support war crimes. In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions. We will not be complicit, and we will not be silent.

Divest Now!

Mary King

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Mary C. King  
Professor of Economics Emerita, Portland State University  
Affiliated Faculty, Labor Education & Research Center, University of Oregon  
[maryking219@gmail.com](mailto:maryking219@gmail.com)

**From:** [Ilana Cofield](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** I object my tax dollars being used to fund Israel's war crimes  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 9:23:25 AM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. As an Oregon taxpayer, I object to my **taxes** being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people. In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions. We will not be complicit, and we will not be silent. Divest Now!

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Elbit supplies the Israeli military with a wide variety of weapons, including missiles, bombs, drones, gun systems, and ammunition. Elbit technologies, including [Torch-X](#) command and control, electronic warfare (EW), display, and warning systems, are also integrated into the Israeli military's main fighter aircraft, battle tanks, and warships.

For years, these weapons have routinely been used against Palestinian civilians, resulting in numerous casualties as well as mass destruction of homes and civilian infrastructure, including hospitals, schools, and water and electric systems. These attacks include war crimes that Israel has committed during several major military offensives against the [Gaza Strip](#), which has been [illegally blockaded](#) since 2007:

- 2022 ("Operation Breaking Dawn"): Within three days of this unprovoked offensive, Israel killed at least 33 Palestinians, including 17 civilians. Evidence of war crimes was recorded by [Amnesty International](#).
- 2021 ("Operation Guardian of the Walls"): During this assault, Israel killed at least 261 Palestinians, including 67 children and 41 women. At least half of the fatalities were civilians, and more than 2,200 additional Palestinians were injured. Evidence of war crimes and possible crimes against humanity was published by Palestinian human rights organizations [Al-Haz, Al-Mezan, and the Palestinian Center of Human Rights](#); [Amnesty International](#); and [Human Rights Watch](#).
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**From:** [Nathalie Paravicini](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Investment in Elbit is unacceptable  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 5:03:54 PM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

That our PERS funds are being invested in Israel's largest military contractor, Elbit Systems - especially after the recent genocide in Gaza and ethnic cleansing in the West Bank and Palestine these past few years - is unacceptable.

As an Oregon taxpayer, I object to my taxes being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people - and for that matter invested in surveillance and armaments instead of investments that will secure a livable sustainable future for Oregonians.

The recent events will not secure peace for Israel, on the contrary - it has highlighted the apartheid state it is. Peace will not come from the injustices and violence committed in the Middle East.

Investing in and supporting Elbit will not make anyone safe.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,  
Sincerely

Nathalie Paravicini

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**From:** [Rod Such](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Investment in Elbit Systems Must End  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 9:51:59 AM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,  
Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. As an Oregon taxpayer, I object to my taxes being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people. In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions. We will not be complicit, and we will not be silent. Divest Now!

Rod Such

  
Portland, Oregon 97214

**From:** [Arrison Warner](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 11:42:02 AM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. As an Oregon PERS recipient, I object to my pension being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people. In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions. We will not be complicit, and we will not be silent. Divest Now!

Arrison J. Warner

Clinical Support Assistant  
OHSU Center for Women's Health

AFSCME local 328 Community Liaison

**From:** [Schylar C](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** OIC must divest from the genocide machine  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 10:09:33 AM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. As an Oregon taxpayer, I object to my taxes being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people. In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions. We will not be complicit, and we will not be silent.

Divest Now!

Sincerely,  
Schylar Coble  
97212

**From:** [spalmiter@divestoregon.org](mailto:spalmiter@divestoregon.org)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** OIC Public Testimony presented on 10/25/2023  
**Date:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:51:15 AM

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Please add this to the public record. Thank you.

Chair Samples and OIC Members. For the record, my name is Susan Palmiter. I co-lead the Divest Oregon coalition of 100 organizations composed of unions, youth, faith communities, climate and racial justice organizations. Tens of thousands of Oregonians and PERS members.

We have concerns about investor engagement strategies with fossil fuel companies - both by proxy voting and direct engagement. They have not produced results in decarbonizing portfolios.

**Case in point:** [Exxon Mobil's recent \\$60 Billion acquisition of Pioneer Natural Resources](#) in the Permian Basin raises the company's global oil production by 35% by 2027 and, of course, their emissions...Three directors elected by shareholders in 2021, which Treasurer Read promoted as a big win for engagement, voted in favor of the Pioneer acquisition. In addition, Exxon has [pulled back funding from its decade-long effort to make biofuels from algae](#).

**Another example:** After 5 years engaging 166 global companies with \$68 trillion assets under management, Climate Action 100+ recently [admitted it had \*\*not\*\* succeeded in producing real decarbonization results](#) saying QUOTE "lack of credible short-and medium-term decarbonization strategies across the majority of focus companies." UNQUOTE

**And in Europe a couple examples:** After more than a decade of intensive investor engagement, the [Church of England's Pension Board announced](#) it has **failed** to convince the oil and gas sector to align with global climate goals and will divest.

Like NY City, the [Danish pension fund AkademikerPension](#), a public teacher's fund, chose to divest oil and gas stocks, including those of Exxon Mobil, BP, Chevron, Petro China, Shell, and Total. The chief investment officer said the divestments followed years during which the fund **together with other investors** tried to get these companies to change their climate strategy but found these major oil companies [air quotes] simply refuse to change.

Over and over, investors are learning that engagement with coal, oil and gas companies is simply a dead end.

We will be watching to see if the OIC's net-zero plan relies on a failed engagement-only strategy. If it does, it will send a signal that the plan is more about creating the **appearance** of taking on the financial and environmental challenges rather than **actually** reducing emissions. The goal of engagement should be a clear plan for decarbonization with divestment as the end-point if the decarbonization is not occurring.

We will also be watching to see what timeline is selected. It needs to be aggressive to deal with the risks to the portfolio. 2050 will not do. Non-productive engagement will not either.

Thank you.



**From:** [Richard Pope](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** OIC written testimony of Rick Pope with exhibits  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 11:39:09 AM  
**Attachments:** [Rick Pope McKinsey testimony and exhibits.pdf](#)

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**This email is from a party external to Treasury. Use care with links and attachments.**

Please find attached my written testimony for the OIC, with exhibits.

Please confirm your receipt of this testimony.

Thank you,

**Rick Pope**



rspope@icloud.com

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Michael Edera](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** OPERF Elbit holdings  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 10:11:53 AM

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**This email is from a party external to Treasury. Use care with links and attachments.**

Michael A Edera  
3810 SE Harold St  
Portland OR 97202

Public Comment  
OIC public hearing  
12/6/2023

Dear Council members,

The following is my public comment for your meeting of 12/6/2023:

Because of the on going disastrous civilian deaths in Gaza caused by actions of the Israeli Defense Force, many of us are concerned that no Oregonian's tax money be used to profit from this catastrophe.

According to the Treasurer's OPERF Public Holdings report as of 6/30/2023, OR PERS has a 500 share stake in Elbit Systems, an Israeli corporation that has supplied some of the most deadly weapons systems used in this conflict, and in the enforcement of the illegal Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.

I am asking you to do two things:

Confirm whether the Elbit position is still held by OPERF.

Take any and all actions necessary to unload the Elbit Systems stock.

I thank you for your attention and assistance.

Regards,

Michael Edera  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Odelia Zuckerman](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to investment in Elbit Systems  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 9:29:56 AM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. As an Oregon taxpayer, I object to my taxes being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people. In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions. We will not be complicit, and we will not be silent. Divest Now!

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*Odelia Raz Zuckerman (she/her/hers)*

**From:** [Au Nguyen](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** OR PERS must divest from Elbit  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 11:27:28 PM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems.

As an Oregon taxpayer, I strongly object to my taxes being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people. In the last two months, Israel has bombarded Gaza using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. These attacks have killed over 15,000 civilians, more than the entire population of Troutdale, OR. Over 6,000 of the dead are children, more than the entire population of Tillamook, OR.

The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions. Your fiduciary duties do not mandate suspension of your moral compass.

Oregonians will not be complicit, and we will not be silent. Divest Now!

Au Nguyen  
Portland, OR 97214

**From:** [Loay Abu-Husein](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Oregon investment in Elbit System  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 10:13:57 AM

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2022 ("Operation Breaking Dawn"): Within three days of this unprovoked offensive, Israel killed at least 33 Palestinians, including 17 civilians. Evidence of war crimes was recorded by Amnesty International.

2021 ("Operation Guardian of the Walls"): During this assault, Israel killed at least 261 Palestinians, including 67 children and 41 women. At least half of the fatalities were civilians, and more than 2,200 additional Palestinians were injured. Evidence of war crimes and possible crimes against humanity was published by Palestinian human rights organizations Al-Haz, Al-Mezan, and the Palestinian Center of Human Rights; Amnesty International; and Human Rights Watch.

2014 ("Operation Protective Edge"): During this 50-day assault, Israel killed at least 2,131 Palestinians, at least 1,473 of whom were civilians, including 501 children and 257 women. At least 11,100 Palestinians were wounded, including 3,374 children. Evidence of war crimes was published by Palestinian human rights organizations Al-Haq and Al-Mezan; Israeli organization B'Tselem; Amnesty International; and Human Rights Watch.

We will not be complicit, and we will not be silent. Divest Now!

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Kind Regards  
Loay Abu-Husein,

Albany Oregon, 97321

**From:** [Sally Joughin](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Oregon's Investments  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 8:31:41 PM

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To the members of the Oregon Investment Council:

I am writing to call on you to immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. As an Oregon resident and voter, I strongly object to taxes being used to support the government of Israel's crimes against the Palestinian people. As you know, in the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 noncombatant civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes us Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions. Our great state should not be complicit, and people who care about peace and justice for all will not be silent. **Divest Now from Elbit Systems!**

-Sally Joughin  
Portland OR

**From:** [Mary Emerson](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** ORPERS must divest from Elbit Systems  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 11:18:08 PM

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Hi There,

I am an Oregon taxpayer. I was horrified to learn that ORPERS is heavily invested in Elbit - whose bombs and other munitions are being used indiscriminately in Gaza to kill thousands of children & other civilians, flatten homes and terrorize the only hospitals in the region.

Israel is committing atrocities in Gaza including the crime of collective punishment - a violation of the Geneva Conventions. By investing our tax dollars in Elbit, you've made Oregonians complicit in committing these war crimes.

It's not too late to correct this wrong. Divest from Elbit now.

Mary Emerson

[activist@maryemerson.org](mailto:activist@maryemerson.org)  
Portland, OR 97214

**From:** [Ted Khoury](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** PERS Divestment from Elbit Systems  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 5:06:45 PM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

I am a PERS member and have been dedicating my service to educating critical thinking and ethical business practices at Oregon State University (3 years) and Portland State University (12 Years). I was absolutely shocked to hear of your investment in Elbit Systems. Where is your moral compass?

Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. As an Oregon **taxpayer and PERS recipient**, I object to my **taxes and pension** being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people.

In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions and to UN resolutions.

If this was South Africa in the 80s, I would have hoped you would have divested. Please be on the right side of history and morality and divest now.

Regards,

Theodore Khoury, PhD  
Professor of Management and Strategy



**From:** [bbenbaruch@ashlandhome.net](mailto:bbenbaruch@ashlandhome.net)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Cc:** [Sen Golden](#); [Rep Marsh](#)  
**Subject:** PERS investments in Elbit and the need for a human rights screen on OIC investments  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 8:39:14 PM

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Dear Oregon Investment Council members,

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Elbit Systems Ltd, headquartered in Israel, designs, manufactures, and sells munitions, combat vehicles, drones, electronic warfare systems, cybersecurity technologies, and other weapons and surveillance systems. Elbit supplies the Israeli military with a wide variety of weapons, including missiles, bombs, drones, gun systems, and ammunition. Elbit technologies, including Torch-X command and control, electronic warfare (EW), display.

For years, these weapons have routinely been used against Palestinian civilians, resulting in numerous casualties as well as mass destruction of homes and civilian infrastructure, including hospitals, schools, and water and electric systems. These attacks include the current war crimes Israel has is committing now in Gaza.

The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions. We will not be complicit, and we will not be silent. Divest Now!

**Benjamin (Benjy) Ben-Baruch**  
Ashland OR 97520

**From:** [Terry Epperson](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** PERS must divest from Elbit  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 12:08:59 PM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. As an Oregon taxpayer, I object to my taxes being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people. In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions. We will not be complicit, and we will not be silent. Divest Now!

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Terry Epperson

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Portland OR 97206

**From:** [Sheyla Hirshon](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** PERS recipient demands immediate end to investments with Elbit Systems  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 5:30:12 PM

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To whom it may concern:

I am a PERS member, currently receiving a retirement pension for work with David Douglas School District. The thought of the money I receive monthly having anything to do with the carnage and tragedy now playing out with the civilians and children of Gaza frankly sickens me.

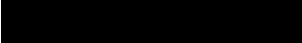
According to the American Friends Service Committee, Elbit Systems Ltd, headquartered in Israel, designs, manufactures, and sells munitions, combat vehicles, drones, electronic warfare systems, cybersecurity technologies, and other weapons and surveillance systems.

Elbit supplies the Israeli military with a wide variety of weapons, including missiles, bombs, drones, gun systems, and ammunition. Elbit technologies, including [Torch-X](#) command and control, electronic warfare (EW), display, and warning systems, are also integrated into the Israeli military's main fighter aircraft, battle tanks, and warships.

As a member, I urge you to immediately divest the funds of honest Oregonian public employees from this company and to ensure that you are not growing our fund through blood money.

Thank you,

Sheryl L Hirshon

  
Portland, Oregon

**From:** [Lili Pang](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Please divest from Elbit and the murder of children  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 11:47:08 AM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. As an Oregon [taxpayer/PERS recipient], I object to my [taxes/pension] being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people. In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions. We will not be complicit, and we will not be silent. Divest Now!

Thank you.

Lili Pang

**From:** [Richard R](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Please Divest from Elbit Systems  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 11:19:33 AM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. As an Oregon taxpayer, I object to my taxes being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people. In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit.

The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions.

Thank you,  
Richard Rhom

**From:** [Betsy Zucker](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Please divest public funds from Elbit Systems!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 10:10:39 AM

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems.

As an Oregon resident and taxpayer, I strongly object to my taxes being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people. PERS investments should not be in companies which support war crimes by Israel (or any other country).

In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit, through a private equity firm, makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions.

Sincerely,  
Betsy L. Zucker  
Portland, OR

**From:** [laurie.mercier@comcast.net](mailto:laurie.mercier@comcast.net)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** please divest  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 9:43:06 AM

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I understand that the Oregon State Treasury invested Public Retirement funds in Israel's largest military contractor, Elbit Systems. Given the atrocities committed in Gaza with Elbit munitions, this investment is unacceptable. Elbit supplies the Israeli military with a wide variety of weapons, including missiles, bombs, drones, gun systems, and ammunition. Please immediately divest from Elbit Systems. As an Oregon taxpayer, I object to my taxes being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people, and I know the vast majority of Oregonians agree with me.

In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. The number of dead will rise through starvation and disease due to Israel's bombardment and blockade. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions. Do the right thing and divest now! There are plenty of other investment opportunities (how about green tech?) for PERS.  
Laurie Mercier

  
Portland, OR 97219

**From:** [Sandra Decker](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Please don't invest in the war by Israel against Palestine or any others.  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 10:05:14 PM

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I do not want to think that our state has to make money killing children.  
Please reinvest the shares in any and all military mfg. into anything  
peaceful. Earn less?

Absolutely ok with me.

What if they were your own children being slaughtered?

Peace takes all of us all the time in every way we can.

You can.

Rev. Sandra Decker



**From:** [Kristin Edmark](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment to December OIC Board meeting  
**Date:** Sunday, November 26, 2023 6:26:01 PM

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## **Public comment OIC December, 2023 Submitted by Kristin Edmark**

First, I am in full support of the Carrizo Comecrudo Tribe and those living near the Rio Grande LNG export terminal partially owned by Global Infrastructure Partners. Oregon State Treasury has committed \$251 million to Global Infrastructure V and \$99 million to Global Infrastructure V Co-investment. This extremely damaging project, opposed by the 5 adjacent cities, would degrade the health of very poor communities near Brownsville, TX.

### **Is GIP's Rio Grande LNG project a reasonable risk?**

Reputational and Financial Risk to Financial Institutions [https://www.ran.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/RGV\\_LNG\\_2023\\_UPDATE-1.pdf](https://www.ran.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/RGV_LNG_2023_UPDATE-1.pdf) states the following:

- “• Local residents have already garnered **significant attention** in speaking out against banks advising these LNG projects, and the opposition will continue.
- Protests from activists, including Indigenous People, pushed the French bank, **BNP Paribas, to withdraw** from Texas LNG and, ultimately, nearly all LNG terminals and pipelines.
- Years of sustained opposition by French and Texas activists forced the French bank, **Societe Generale, to withdraw** from the Rio Grande LNG project in 2022.
- **Cork, Ireland, canceled** their plans to import gas from Rio Grande LNG because of the impacts of fracking and Texan and Irish opposition to LNG terminals.
- In 2021, Annova LNG, another LNG terminal proposed for the Rio Grande Valley, canceled its export project because of **the unstable global market for LNG and local opposition**.
- The FERC faces **several lawsuits** for inadequately reviewing the projects' climate and environmental justice impacts and for reapproving the authorizations for Rio Grande LNG, Texas LNG, and the Rio Bravo Pipeline.
- Texas LNG does **not currently have its Clean Water Act Section 404 permit** from the Army Corps of Engineers required to move forward with the project.
- **Over five years behind schedule**, the two remaining LNG terminals have been plagued with delays because of opposition, lawsuits, and the unstable gas market.”

**Long-term, illiquid investments in companies which invest in fossil fuel infrastructure are high risk and not appropriate this decade when the world is transitioning to clean energy.**

### **Good News on Transparency and Emissions**

I want to share good news with you in this time when there is so much terrifying news with regard to climate.

### **California law SB 253 will help OIC obtain emission data including Scope 3 emissions**

which have been difficult to obtain. Beginning in 2026, about 5,300 U.S. corporations earning more than \$1 billion and doing business in California must annually report their scope 3 global emissions of carbon dioxide and other planet-warming greenhouse gases. Most important, the biggest sources of planet destruction will no longer be able to hide behind the misleading figures which ignore scope 3 emissions, the burning of fossil fuels.

### **Monitoring emissions is pointless without scope 3 emissions** because

1. Burning fossil fuels contributes over 75% of global greenhouse gas emissions and nearly 90% of carbon dioxide emissions.
2. Between 75% and 90% of fossil fuel company emissions are scope 3 caused by the end use of their product. Reporting only fossil fuel company scope 1 and scope 2 emissions is inaccurate and should be seen as deceptive.

**Monitoring and limiting emissions is the most effective way** to prevent the worst consequences of climate warming.

1. Monitoring emissions allows effective goals to be set and progress to be monitored.
2. Emission monitoring is becoming the universal, world-wide standard.
3. Climate effect on investments is crucial but **investment effect on climate** is just as crucial and will affect investment value and the economy.

**The California Attorney General is suing the American Petroleum Association and major fossil fuel companies** for the damages they have caused due to fires, droughts and floods in California. There have been over 1000 lawsuits for climate damages since 2015. This is good news for countries, states, counties and cities dealing with the consequences of misinformation.

Since 1980, loss in US related to climate change is estimated at \$2.57 Trillion. Please do not let Oregon Treasury investments be swayed by climate misinformation telling staff that climate investments have acceptable risk, now, this decade.

### **Why is Oregon still invested in the companies being sued by the California Attorney General?**

These companies have been lagging other investments the last 10 years, have well documented misinformation campaigns and are not investing in clean energy. No amount of engagement is going to motivate a switch from fossil fuels. There is no financial justification to continue to invest in these. As of 6/2021 Oregon had:

Exxon	\$89,500,000
Chevron	\$40,926,429
Bp	\$ 26,333,202
ConocoPhillips	\$ 18,904,939

Shell

\$ 18,679,147

**Avoid the Dirty Dozen Private Companies- Their projects often devastate disadvantaged communities. People's pensions should not be complicit.**

Please demand transparency regarding private investments. Please avoid new private investments in companies which invest the most in fossil fuels. Private Equity Stakeholder Project Dirty Dozen=> Blackstone, Carlyle, KKR, Arclight, Apollo, Ares Management, Global Infrastructure Partners, Oaktree Capital, Warburg Pincus, Riverstone Holdings, Encap.

Please don't wait. We know which companies are responsible for producing the fossil fuels burned. Right now, explore the fossil free indexes used by the 1500 large institutional investors who are avoiding the portion of the energy sector which no longer has any financial justification for investment.

I appreciate your work and service to Oregon.

Sincerely, Kristin Edmark, MPH, RD

**From:** [bpratrussum@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:bpratrussum@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Elizabeth Pratt-Russum](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 11:23:15 AM

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Dear Public Comment,

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

Oregon's investment in the Berkeley Research Group is highly unethical and is endangering state employee pensions by investing in long-term risky spyware. Israel's credit rating has been downgraded by Moody's, and it is financially irresponsible to invest pension funds in an Israeli company that is directly contributing to this turmoil.

We ask that the Oregon Investment Council take the following actions:

1. Immediately divest state pension funds from Berkeley Research Group, ending our state's partnership with the firm, and, by extension, NSO Group.
2. Implement a human rights screening for all future state investments, and especially for the public employee pension fund.

A partnership between Oregon and NSO Group should have never existed to begin with, and we demand that the Oregon State Treasury and Oregon Investment Council address this issue immediately. This is not only an argument about ethical investment, but a demand to stop taking this massive financial risk with our investments. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,  
Mrs Elizabeth Pratt-Russum



**From:** [krbnksk@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:krbnksk@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Karen Bonkoski](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 12:14:30 PM

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Dear Public Comment,

I work for Multnomah County, I am a member of AFSCME local 88, and I am fully vested in PERS. And I don't want PERS investing in Israeli spyware.

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Sincerely,  
Ms. Karen Bonkoski

  
[krbnksk@gmail.com](mailto:krbnksk@gmail.com)

**From:** [aldercatherine@aol.com](mailto:aldercatherine@aol.com)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Employee Retirement Fund  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 11:56:51 AM

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Dear Members of the Oregon Investment Council,

Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. As an Oregon taxpayer I object to my taxes being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people. In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions. We will not be complicit, and we will not be silent. Divest Now!

Peace,  
Rev. Catherine Alder

**From:** [mfayebennett@comcast.net](mailto:mfayebennett@comcast.net)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Retirement Funds  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 7:23:07 PM

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For years, these weapons have routinely been used against Palestinian civilians, resulting in numerous casualties as well as mass destruction of homes and civilian infrastructure, including hospitals, schools, and water and electric systems. These attacks include war crimes that Israel has committed during several major military offensives against the [Gaza Strip](#), which has been [illegally blockaded](#) since 2007:

Elbit has provided its surveillance technologies—"[field-proven](#)" on Palestinians and installed along Israel's border walls—to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) since 2006. The company provides U.S. immigration authorities with fixed and [mobile/relocatable](#) surveillance systems, ground sensors, drones, Border Patrol command and control platforms, and other technologies. Elbit has [become](#) one of 14 "giants in the [U.S.] border security business" in its bid to "[build](#) a 'layer' of electronic

surveillance equipment across the entire perimeter of the U.S.," expanding "not only to the northern border [the U.S.–Canadian border], but to the ports and harbors across the country."

In 2006, Elbit [acted](#) as a [Boeing](#) subcontractor on CBP's Secure Border Initiative Network (SBInet) project, which attempted to create a "virtual wall" along the entire U.S.–Mexico border. As part of the project, Elbit provided Integrated Fixed Towers (IFTs) for deployment along stretches of the border in Arizona. IFTs [are](#) 160-foot surveillance towers outfitted with high-definition cameras, sensors, and advanced radars capable of detecting individuals and vehicles up to 7.5 miles away. [Providing](#) "constant 24/7 surveillance" along portions of the border, these surveillance towers send real-time data to Border Patrol agents at an Elbit-powered Torch command and control station.

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Sincerely,

Mary Faye Bennett

**From:** [Patty Hine](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Testimony OIC meeting 10-25-23  
**Date:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 11:50:32 AM

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Thank you for placing my testimony in the official record.

Warm regards,  
Patricia Hine

Good morning. My name is Patty Hine. I am a PERS beneficiary, the President of the grassroots climate justice organization, 350 Eugene, and a retired Navy Commander.

As a naval officer, I was trained to focus on the mission and always be on the lookout for unanticipated threats. Threats, that if ignored, could have devastating consequences. Such a threat, with an accelerating speed, constant bearing and decreasing range, meant a catastrophic collision.

Climate change and fossil fuel investments are such a threat. They are stranded assets, as you understand. You are in a position to eliminate or at a minimum, take steps to reduce this risk.

An obvious way for the Treasury to reduce financial risk from the climate is to stop investing in the fossil fuel industry. We are watching to see if the decarbonization plan of Treasurer Read, and the plan include this basic first step of ending fossil fuel investment.

Treasurer Read announced his decarbonization plan framework in November 2022. In the following month, three private investments were made and announced at the January 2023 OIC meeting. Treasurer Read noted during that meeting that two of the investments, totaling over half a billion, “have oil and gas exposure”.

Treasurer Read apparently felt a need to comment, since new, long-term investments with oil and gas exposure are inconsistent with a goal of decarbonization. He said: [QUOTE] “I want to be clear, that does not signal any weakening in my commitment to produce a plan for a net zero pathway and a portfolio that is aligned with climate risk. In fact, for me, it underscores a need for a comprehensive approach...” [UNQUOTE]

Continued investment in the fossil fuel industry makes decarbonization more difficult to achieve. But fossil fuel investments continue, most notably in the private investment arena, as Nichole Heil of Private Equity Stakeholder Project testified in the most recent September OIC meeting.

Treasurer Read indicated that continued investments with oil and gas exposure underscored the need for his plan. The plan must end investment in the fossil fuel industry and, most urgently and specifically, in private funds with coal, oil and gas exposure since they have the longest contracts that cannot be easily exited.

This may seem too difficult to achieve politically, but at the end of the day, aren't we charged to look fearlessly at risks from all sides, even ones that are novel or unexpected? Aren't we in fact morally obligated by our oath of service, to take decisive steps immediately when a threat clearly presents itself? Indeed it would be inexcusable if you didn't. It's a big ship. So you should start our turn now.

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To not become discouraged is an act of courage.

**From:** [Paul Reid](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Reject NSO  
**Date:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 1:34:49 PM

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**This email is from a party external to Treasury. Use care with links and attachments.**

I have been an Oregon resident for over a decade. I am not Arab or Jew, but I support justice, peace and prosperity for all.

Please reject **NSO group** and any firm associated with the apartheid government of Israel from any investments.

I fully support the boycott divestment and sanctions movement (BDS) working to end the occupation of Palestinians. Please refer to their list as a guide for companies from which to divest.

Thank you.  
Paul Reid

**From:** [Brandon](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Retirement fund investment in Elbit Systems  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 11:38:56 AM

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This email is from a party external to Treasury. Use care with links and attachments.

Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. As an Oregon taxpayer, I object to my taxes being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people. In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions. We will not be complicit, and we will not be silent. Divest Now!

-Thank you

Brandon Brown

Sent from my iPhone

*Testimony of Rick Pope 10/25/2023*

## **It is imprudent for the OIC to set climate policy using McKinsey & Co.**

Only you can set climate policy for PERS pension investments.<sup>1</sup> The Treasury will ask you to rely on a consultant with massive world-wide fossil fuel interests who was recently sued for deliberate misinformation about climate change.

There is something wrong with this picture.

Trust law allows you to rely on the advice of professionals.<sup>2</sup> OIC training also emphasizes that you **always** have a duty of prudence in **selecting** the agent.<sup>3</sup> Your governing statute defines prudence as using reasonable care, skill **and caution**.<sup>4</sup>

Treasury retained McKinsey & Co. in 2023 to recommend a decarbonization plan. A year earlier, a book by New York Times investigative reporters disclosed that McKinsey's work with mining and fossil fuel companies goes back decades. Dozens of mega corporations creating climate change remain among McKinsey's biggest clients. These climate changers in recent years paid hundreds of millions of dollars in fees to McKinsey. All of McKinsey's employees live in the institutional climate those massive fees affect.<sup>5</sup>

McKinsey's climate work has a huge financial conflict of interest. If offered, prudence requires a thorough assessment by your expert who is independent from fossil fuels.

Compounding the problem, McKinsey is also a defendant in a \$50 billion

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<sup>1</sup> [ORS 293.731](#).

<sup>2</sup> [ORS 130.725](#).

<sup>3</sup> Exhibit 1, OIC training materials; [ORS 293.726\(4\)\(b\)](#).

<sup>4</sup> [ORS 293.726\(1\)-\(2\)](#).

<sup>5</sup> Exhibit 2, Walt Bogdanich and Michael Forsythe, "When McKinsey Comes to Town" pp. 155-66 (Doubleday 2022).

lawsuit by Multnomah County, a PERS public employer. The suit alleges: “McKinsey has coordinated and participated in a deliberate misinformation campaign to downplay and/or outright deny the causal relationship between greenhouse gas emissions of its members and extreme weather events.”<sup>6</sup>

Multnomah County’s allegations are not proof. But disturbing complex allegations require extensive due diligence before a trustee can conclude they are meritless. You would require the same from any investment staff if they learned a proposed general partner had just been sued for major fraud.

These claims, whether occurring before or after McKinsey signed Treasury’s contract, give Treasury ample grounds under paragraphs 9 and 13 to consult with the Department of Justice about terminating for breach of warranty.<sup>7</sup>

If Treasury chooses not to act, prudence requires that your independent expert closely examine McKinsey’s methodologies and recommendations, and skeptically compare them against competing alternatives that McKinsey implicitly or explicitly rejected.

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<sup>6</sup> Exhibit 3, excerpts from complaint in *County of Multnomah v. Exxon Mobil Corp.* The entire complaint, removed to federal court to decide where the case belongs, can be found at [https://climatecasechart.com/wp-content/uploads/case-documents/2023/20230622\\_docket-23CV25164-\\_complaint.pdf](https://climatecasechart.com/wp-content/uploads/case-documents/2023/20230622_docket-23CV25164-_complaint.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> Exhibit 4, excerpts from Treasury-McKinsey consulting contract, paragraphs 9a, 13.a.iii, 13.b.i, and 13.e.iii.c.



# Examples of Areas Where Duty of Prudence Usually Comes into Play

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[OIC materials 12/01/2021]  
[Other examples redacted]



Retaining expert  
assistance



Delegation of  
authority

Exhibit 1 p. 1

## Duty of Prudence—Delegation

*A trustee has a duty personally to perform the responsibilities of trustee **except as a prudent person might delegate those responsibilities to others**. In deciding whether, to whom and in what manner to delegate fiduciary authority in the administration of a trust, and thereafter in supervising agents, the trustee is under a duty to the beneficiaries to **exercise fiduciary discretion and to act as a prudent person would act in similar circumstances**.* Restatement of Trusts 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Delegation is allowed and even encouraged by the Prudent Investor Act and ERISA

*“...the council and the investment officer must ...act with prudence in deciding whether and how to delegate authority and in the selection and supervision of agents*

{ORS 293.726 (4)(b)}

- Failure to delegate may be a fiduciary breach
- To be prudent, when delegating the following generally applies:
  - Duty of prudence in selecting qualified professionals
  - Duty to specify the scope of the delegation
  - Duty to monitor the professionals to ensure the delegation is carried consistent with the delegation, and that the delegation continues to be prudent
- Board members may delegate but cannot abdicate their responsibility

Exhibit 1 p. 2

# WHEN MCKINSEY COMES TO TOWN

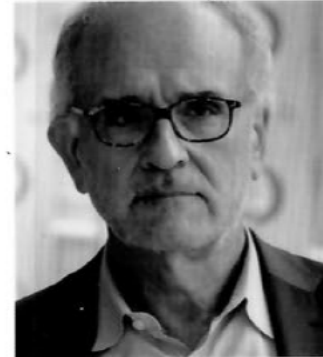
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# WHEN MCKINSEY COMES TO TOWN



Take ExxonMobil. At the 2019 Aspen conclave, Vijay Swarup, the oil company's head of research and development, extolled the virtues of "carbon capture," a technology that can pump smokestack emissions back into the ground. ExxonMobil said it was "all the buzz." But ExxonMobil had been buzzing about carbon capture for more than a decade by this point, and the technology remained mired in the pilot stage. But carbon capture does nothing to address ExxonMobil's biggest contribution to global warming, namely the tens of millions of cars and trucks around the world burning its gasoline. Months before he spoke, ExxonMobil forecast that its emissions by 2025 would be 17 percent higher than in 2017, adding twenty-one million tons annually of carbon to the atmosphere, about what Greece emits each year. The company kept that forecast secret.

Three weeks after Pinner spoke in Aspen, the departing McKinsey associate Erik Edstrom took aim at the "feel-good initiatives" that companies use to give the appearance of being environmentally focused without taking the painful measures necessary to really make a difference. But the focus of his ire wasn't an oil company, or a coal miner, or an automaker: it was McKinsey itself.

In many ways, Edstrom fits the profile of an ideal McKinsey hire. Like many of the firm's consultants, he is a military veteran, having led a U.S. Army platoon in Afghanistan and served on the honor guard at Arlington National Cemetery. In a company that values physical prowess, he was among the fittest of them all—a triathlete and, at West Point, the top scorer in the army's physical fitness test. After the army, he went to Oxford, alma mater to many of McKinsey's top leaders.

But Edstrom's time in Afghanistan brought out another side of him, one that questioned the wisdom of the senior military and civilian leaders who kept America in a war for a generation: a war that brought untold suffering to Afghan civilians and killed or wounded thousands of American soldiers. "If a millennium of the dead could

speak: There is no betrayal more intimate than being sent to kill or die for nothing, by your own countrymen,” Edstrom wrote in a book about his war experience.

While in the army, Edstrom was deeply affected by the former vice president Al Gore’s campaign to raise awareness about man-made climate change, capped by the 2006 Oscar-winning documentary, *An Inconvenient Truth*. He wanted his professional life to focus on helping to solve this existential problem. At Oxford, Edstrom earned a master’s in environmental change and management, in addition to getting an MBA. Edstrom eventually settled in Melbourne, working first for Boston Consulting Group and then, starting in early 2018, for McKinsey.

Like all new associates, Edstrom was given two books. One was Marvin Bower’s *Perspective on McKinsey*, written in 1979, which expounds on core values and principles that shaped McKinsey. The other was *A History of the Firm*, a readable internal company history.

From the history book, Edstrom learned that McKinsey owed much of its success to consulting for fossil fuel companies.

Mobil Oil was McKinsey’s first mega-client in the early 1950s, a time when it also served Union Oil and Sun Oil. In the mid-1950s, at the recommendation of Texaco, McKinsey took on work with Royal Dutch Shell, first in Venezuela in 1956. Shell was so pleased with McKinsey that the following year it asked the firm to conduct a global restructuring, helping McKinsey plant roots on the European continent, according to the firm’s official history. By 1960, Texaco was McKinsey’s biggest client.

McKinsey then took on work with government-owned oil giants such as Pemex in Mexico, PDVSA in Venezuela, and Saudi Aramco. Coal-mining clients also came early on. When the firm opened its office in Melbourne in 1963, the place Edstrom would work more than half a century later, among its first clients was Broken Hill, now BHP, the world’s largest mining company by market capitalization, which mined coal in Australia. The head of the Melbourne office in the 1960s, Rod Carnegie, went on to head the Australian branch of Rio Tinto, now the second-biggest mining company. Both companies are McKinsey clients to this day, and many of Edstrom’s colleagues in Melbourne were working on those accounts.

McKinsey’s early work with oil companies needs historical context. The knowledge that rising carbon dioxide levels can heat the atmosphere was not widely known in the 1950s, when Mobil and Texaco were driving the firm’s revenues. But, just like with tobacco, any work done for fossil fuel companies over the last quarter century by the highly educated cadre of McKinsey consultants was done with the full knowledge that the product their client sold was irreparably harming the world.

Although Edstrom had hoped to work on environmental issues, that proved difficult in Australia, where big, politically influential mining companies have turned the country, and Indonesia, into the world’s two biggest exporters of coal. In a resource-dominated society, where per capita carbon emissions exceed even American levels, there wasn’t much demand for highly paid environmental consultants. At BCG and then McKinsey, Edstrom advised a private equity company, a bank, a telecom provider, a beer marketer, and a childcare company. He also studied prison-bed management for the Australian state of New South Wales.

While environmental work was scarce, Edstrom soon discovered that there was work aplenty in the coal industry, and contrary to the firm’s public line that it was “committed to protecting the planet,” McKinsey took pride in helping coal companies become more profitable.

One day, the Australia office sent around an email with an attached video. The subject line: “What we do matters: See an inspiring client impact story.”

Edstrom clicked play, and a slide popped up titled “Turning a coal mine into a diamond in 6 months.” Set to peppy music, the video, since taken down, describes a recent McKinsey job for what appeared to be an Asian client that resulted in a coal mine increasing production by 26 percent, he said. Despite the global climate crisis, despite the fact that burning coal for power contributes nearly a third of energy-related carbon emissions, someone at McKinsey thought this work was praiseworthy.

This was “one of the most profitable projects in our company,” the head of the coal-mining company said on the video clip, according to Edstrom.



Mark Shahinian had a similar experience. Like Edstrom, he had an advanced degree in environmental science and hoped to harness those skills at McKinsey. He worked out of the Boston office, rising to become an engagement manager—the mid-level managers who perform a role akin to a platoon sergeant in the army.

Shahinian is proud of the environmentally focused work he did at McKinsey, especially an influential study about how the price of lithium-ion batteries—the kind that power electric cars—was set to drop dramatically. But, he said, McKinsey and its competitors depend on big multinational companies doing projects that last for years or decades. Oil companies fit that bill. Solar equipment startups generally do not, and there just wasn't that much work for him in green energy. McKinsey follows the money.

McKinsey says it is working with its clients around the world to “address climate change,” but as of 2020 there was no green-energy company among any of its biggest clients, though it does advise carbon-free electric utilities such as Mercury in New Zealand, and Albemarle, which mines lithium, the key component in batteries. Vestas, a wind power company, is also a client, but tiny compared with the big oil and coal companies.

“They can't invent billable hours that don't exist,” Shahinian said of McKinsey. But there are billable hours at the big oil, gas, and coal companies, work that offers opportunities for junior consultants to advance their careers.

Australia is one of the few developed countries that is actively planning to open new coal mines, especially in the vast Galilee Basin in the northeastern state of Queensland. An associate partner invited Edstrom to work on a coal project in Queensland, but he declined, in keeping with the McKinsey policy that allowed consultants to turn down assignments if they had ethical qualms. But in passing on the assignment, Edstrom lost a chance to build ties with senior managers, and that ultimately led to more time “on the beach,” McKinsey-speak for a consultant with no client work.

Edstrom believed the policy of letting consultants opt out of projects on ethical grounds was a cop-out, freeing McKinsey as a whole from taking a stand.

If he couldn't work in his chosen field, at least Edstrom could

raise awareness among his colleagues of the looming climate threat. He joined the “Green Team,” where consultants around Australia discussed environmental issues, and looked for ways to influence management's thinking on the subject.

On a corporate retreat to the Great Barrier Reef, he and his fellow consultants saw firsthand the ravages of rising carbon dioxide levels. “It was dying out incredibly fast,” Edstrom said. “It looked like the ashy logs from a leftover campfire.” Internally, the Green Team raised the possibility that the dying reef was due, in part, to McKinsey's service to fossil fuel clients. “But that message fell on deaf ears. After the trip, people went back to their normal client work, including working for coal mines with predictable outcomes for the environment.”

Edstrom questioned his superiors about the disconnect between McKinsey's public statements about curbing carbon emissions and its work with coal companies. In response, he was told, “If we don't serve coal clients, BCG [Boston Consulting Group] will.”

Edstrom was becoming increasingly disillusioned. The cognitive dissonance came not only from client work but also at corporate social events such as the 2018 Australia Values Day, held in the executive meeting rooms overlooking Sydney's premier horse-racing track.

After the usual pep talks and the corporate bonding games such as a putt-putt golf competition on a course made from nonperishable food (donated to the needy, of course), the consultants were treated to the evening's entertainment—McKinsey's own Australia-based band, the Marvins, named after the firm's legendary de facto founder, Marvin Bower, famous for putting the firm's interests above his own.

For a band named after such an honor-bound and parsimonious man, the core members of the Marvins—a partner and two senior partners, millionaires many times over—chose to play an unexpected set of songs. There was “Common People,” a 1995 hit by the British band Pulp, about a rich girl who wanted to experience life among England's working class.

You'll never live like common people  
 You'll never do whatever common people do  
 Never fail like common people.

Then there was “Killing in the Name” by the alternative metal group Rage Against the Machine, sung by a band made up of the whitest of white-shoe consulting firms, whose partners regularly cycle in and out of government. The song ends with this line: “Fuck you, I won’t do what you tell me” (repeated sixteen times) followed by a “Motherfucker.”

The following year, the Australian office’s Values Day went down market—part of a firm-wide reaction to the 2018 *New York Times* report on McKinsey’s lavish corporate retreat in western China, just miles from a sprawling detention center housing Uyghur Muslims. In response to widespread criticism, McKinsey had said the firm “would be more thoughtful about such choices in the future.” In 2019, the partners’ speeches were heavy on values and ethics. But after the Australia managing partner, John Lydon, had finished speaking about how, at a minimum, McKinsey didn’t serve clients who harmed people or cheated customers, Edstrom felt he had to speak out. Someone handed him the microphone.

What if, Edstrom asked, McKinsey served arms makers who made weapons used to bomb the home country of other McKinsey consultants? Was that in keeping with the company’s values?

Soon afterward, his job at McKinsey came to an end. His lack of good assignments—exacerbated by his turning down the coal project—contributed to a poor performance review. He was, as McKinsey puts it, “counseled to leave.” He suspects his outspokenness was also a factor.

Just before he was asked to leave, Edstrom finally did get to work on an environmentally focused project. It was for the New Zealand electric utility Mercury, which uses only green energy. Helping the company retain customers and get new ones was successful and satisfying. But by then, his fate was fixed.

As he was heading out the door in mid-July 2019—three weeks after Pinner spoke at Aspen—Edstrom sent out what became the mother of all farewell emails. It ricocheted around McKinsey offices across the globe.

There’s nothing unusual about an employee, at McKinsey or any

company, sending around an email upon leaving. It’s an epistolary form that rarely burns bridges. At McKinsey that’s doubly so, because a McKinsey consultant never really leaves the firm. The formidable alumni network, institutionalized at McKinsey, keeps people tethered to the firm for decades after they leave, with emails, reunions, and, most important, job prospects. Speak out against the firm and you risk being cut off from a lifetime of networking opportunities.

That’s exactly what happened with Edstrom.

A few paragraphs into his email, it was clear Edstrom wasn’t sticking to the script of expressing gratitude for the honor of working at McKinsey and sadness at the prospect of leaving it. So, after briefly thanking several colleagues, his email took a sharp turn, striking at the heart of McKinsey’s ethical foundation—its values.

“My short time at the Firm,” he wrote, “has shown me how much impact McKinsey can achieve in a short amount of time. I’m immensely proud of having played a very small part in that. However, creating impact is not an absolute good.” And doing good work, he added, doesn’t equate to doing good. “I believe it’s time for McKinsey to take precedent-setting action around client selection. As an organisation, McKinsey seems to talk a lot about values and principles without taking a valued or principled stand for much of anything.”

Then, to make sure his message wasn’t lost, he used words rarely directed at McKinsey’s leaders. “In my mind McKinsey is an amoral institution.” He said McKinsey regularly took on clients who brought harm to others. “There are many cases where I believe this causes detriment to society, McKinsey’s reputation, and the planet.”

Edstrom took aim at two sectors in particular, McKinsey’s work with the military, the focus of his Values Day critique, and its work with coal-mining companies. “Coal kills,” Edstrom wrote. “The longer coal companies stay in the black, the more irreparable damage will be done to the environment.”

But that is exactly what McKinsey was doing for its many coal clients, he wrote, making them more efficient and profitable, putting off the day when the market forces described by Pinner would finally put them out of business. Plenty of companies are “amoral,” he said, but McKinsey’s amorality doesn’t just affect itself. As the

world's most influential consulting firm, it shapes the practices of thousands of clients.

"There is a commonly used phrase for hypocritical eco-marketing used to make a business or product appear more 'sustainable' than it actually is: 'greenwashing.'"

Edstrom cited the example of McKinsey boosting production at a regional coal company by 26 percent. As proof, he attached a link to the video. A small group of McKinsey consultants were enabling this single client—not identified in the video—to supply the world with coal that would add *megatons* of carbon dioxide.

"Think about it," he continued. "Is there a worse client to serve than those directly responsible for putting us on the incomprehensible fast-track to planetary omnicide?"

In the hours after he sent the email, dozens of McKinsey consultants from around the world wrote back to him. One colleague, also in Australia, said that when he had objected to working with a coal client, he was told "it was OK, there were plenty of other associates who would do the job."

Another wrote, "Too often we become willfully blind for the sake of sanity, but over time that's not OK." Still another: "For what it's worth I do think we have a lot of reflection to do."

Edstrom wasn't the only McKinsey consultant in Australia taking a stand on the environment. A few years earlier, several consultants had left a project with a Canadian gold-mining company in nearby Papua New Guinea that for decades had been the focus of complaints because the mine dumped its waste, or tailings, directly into rivers, one former McKinsey employee said.

Because McKinsey fiercely guards its secrets, even internally, Edstrom did not know the true extent of McKinsey's work with the world's biggest polluters. In the firm's nearly century of existence, no reporter has obtained access to McKinsey's client list. But in the course of reporting this book, we have.

For a firm "committed to protecting the planet," McKinsey counts at least seventeen mining and fossil fuel companies among its biggest clients. Collectively, those clients earned McKinsey hundreds of millions of dollars in recent years, according to internal records.

Since 2010, McKinsey has worked for at least forty-three of the

hundred companies that have pumped the most carbon dioxide into the atmosphere since 1965, based on a list of polluters compiled by the Climate Accountability Institute, a nonprofit that raises awareness about how corporations are contributing to climate change. Those forty-three companies, when accounting for the customers who use their products, were responsible for more than 36 percent of the *planet's* greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels in 2018.

Number three on the historic polluter list, Chevron, one of McKinsey's biggest clients, generated at least \$50 million in consulting fees in 2019. Saudi Aramco, number one on the list, has been a McKinsey client since at least the 1970s.

During that half a century, Chevron's total emissions came to 43.7 gigatons (43 billion tons) of carbon dioxide. In 2019, energy-related emissions for the entire planet amounted to about 33 gigatons, according to the International Energy Agency.

Other top McKinsey fossil fuel clients include ExxonMobil, BP, Royal Dutch Shell, Russia's Gazprom, and Qatar Petroleum.

If McKinsey was advising these companies on how to reduce their carbon emissions, the work would reflect McKinsey's corporate values. But that does not always appear to be the case. Projects, or "studies," that McKinsey has recently done for Chevron indicate that reducing carbon emissions was not the focus of its work. There was, for example, the "Upstream Oil & Gas—Digital Roadmap." The biggest project centered on a "product solution" for Chevron's Mid-Continent Business Unit, a region encompassing oil-producing areas in the southern United States, including the Permian Basin in Texas, where Chevron is the top producer.

A case can be made that oil companies like Chevron *need* the smart cadre of McKinsey consultants to guide them through an existential threat to their business model: the global push to move away from fossil fuels. BP and Shell, for example, are scrambling to expand their clean energy businesses.

So with an army of McKinsey consultants advising them on strategy, what approach did Chevron choose? Drill, baby, drill.

In July 2020, just as the global pandemic was decimating demand



for Chevron's gasoline, the company's CEO, Mike Wirth, speaking to the Texas Oil & Gas Association, said that the global push for clean energy "doesn't mean the end of oil and gas," *Bloomberg Businessweek* reported. Wirth said that Chevron would "find ways to make oil and gas more efficient, more environmentally benign."

The contrast with the European oil companies couldn't be more dramatic. A few weeks after Wirth's remarks, BP said it would reduce oil and gas production by 40 percent in a decade. BP and Shell have cut their dividends to help pay for their transition away from fossil fuels.

As of early 2022, McKinsey said it had undertaken more than two thousand "sustainability engagements" with clients. One example McKinsey cited was helping a "major energy provider" that it didn't identify cut its carbon dioxide emissions by 82 percent.

Yet in recent years, McKinsey continued to acquire new fossil fuel clients, making them more profitable and more efficient at extracting carbon from the ground.

Just as Edstrom was saying goodbye to his colleagues in Melbourne, McKinsey consultants in Canada were filing into the corporate headquarters of a big new client: a Vancouver-based coal-mining company.

The Elk River passes through the pristine wilderness of the Canadian Rockies as it winds its way south. Upriver, deep in the mountains near the British Columbia-Alberta border, the untrampled scenery gives way to what resembles a war zone. Some of the soaring peaks have been blasted away, filling the surrounding valleys.

This is the Greenhills Mine, one of the top-producing coal mines of Teck Resources, the biggest producer in North America of metallurgical, or coking, coal. Steel mills use this coal in blast furnaces to remove the oxygen from iron ore, producing the metal used to make steel but also producing large quantities of carbon dioxide, so much so that steelmaking accounts for about 7 percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions.

Teck, one of the world's biggest exporters of steelmaking coal, sells much of what it mines to Asian customers. Factoring in the coal

its customers burn, Teck accounted for seventy-three megatons of carbon dioxide in 2019, the equivalent of about one-tenth of Canada's total carbon dioxide emissions that year.

The open-pit mining technique at Greenhills, akin to the mountaintop removal mining in the Appalachians, unearths naturally occurring toxins such as selenium, which seeps into the upper Fording River, part of the Elk River watershed. Scientists say the runoff is killing and deforming fish downstream as far south as the Montana border and contaminating drinking water, according to a 2019 article published by the Yale School of the Environment. At high concentrations, selenium can cause nausea, fatigue, skin lesions, and neurological disorders in humans.

In the fall of 2018, Teck got a new chairman, possibly the most prominent Canadian in global business: Dominic Barton, who until July of that year served as managing partner of McKinsey, where he touted the firm's green credentials. Immediately before Barton joined Teck, McKinsey appeared to do little or no work for the company, according to internal records. After Barton became chairman, that changed. In 2019, McKinsey, by one internal measure, took in about \$20 million in fees from Teck, making the coal company one of McKinsey's biggest clients.

A review of work McKinsey did for Teck found one job that focused on "Coal Processing Optimization" at the Greenhills mine. Another was "Pit-to-Port Model and Central Support." Another McKinsey project left little to the imagination: "Drill and Blast."

After a year on the job at Teck, Barton was appointed Canada's ambassador to China, which produces half of the world's steel, and with it significant pollution. Some of that steel is made with Teck coal. China's sovereign wealth fund owns Teck stock, and a former senior Chinese diplomat sits on its board of directors. Teck says it is aiming to be carbon neutral by 2050.

Barton left Teck, but McKinsey consultants remained and continued to collect millions of dollars in fees.

In 2021, as the world economy recovered from the COVID-induced slowdown, carbon emissions bounced back as well. The leading

polluter, generating more than a quarter of the world's total, was China. The planners in Beijing stimulated the economy by stoking a construction boom, leading to big increases in steel production and electricity generation, both highly coal intensive.

In China, McKinsey was advising some of its biggest steelmakers, hungry for coking coal from its big Canadian client, Teck. Among the firm's client roster, Hebei Jinxi Steel, the state-owned Shandong Steel, and Shanxi Liheng Iron & Steel. The firm in recent years has also advised the two biggest oil companies, China National Petroleum Corporation and Sinopec, and in August 2019 McKinsey presented a report to the board of the third biggest, CNOOC.

Much of the coal powering Chinese industry came from Southeast Asia, where McKinsey was working with some of the region's biggest coal-mining companies. One of the firm's major clients in recent years was Banpu, a Thai energy company with mines across the region.

In Indonesia, the world's second-biggest coal exporter after Australia, McKinsey has recently counted two major coal miners as clients, and the firm also works with PT Pertamina, Indonesia's second-biggest oil producer.

The work, at odds with McKinsey's public statements on the urgency of combating climate change, speaks to the nature of the firm itself: at McKinsey, the senior partners, scattered across the globe, have called the shots on business in their area.

By 2021, Dickon Pinner's thesis on the magic of the market cutting pollution, argued so poignantly at Aspen two years and more than sixty gigatons of greenhouse gas emissions earlier, was proving woefully inadequate. American coal exports, both for power plants and for steel furnaces, were soaring. So too were coal prices, which more than doubled from August 2020 to August 2021.

McKinsey's own coal barons—the partners overseeing work in the business—were not only rewarded; they were lauded. In Indonesia, Vishal Agarwal won a promotion to senior partner. An internal announcement for the Global Energy and Materials team honoring him came with a graphic that appeared to riff off the *Outlander* television series. Agarwal was the “Outstander.”

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
FOR THE COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH

COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH,

Plaintiff,

v.

EXXON MOBIL CORP., SHELL PLC  
F.K.A. ROYAL DUTCH SHELL PLC,  
CHEVRON CORP., BP PLC,  
CONOCOPHILLIPS, MOTIVA  
ENTERPRISES, LLC, OCCIDENTAL  
PETROLEUM F.K.A. ANADARKO  
PETROLEUM CORP., SPACE AGE  
FUEL, INC., VALERO ENERGY  
CORP., TOTAL SPECIALTIES USA, INC.,  
MARATHON PETROLEUM CORP.,  
PEABODY ENERGY CORP.,  
KOCH INDUSTRIES, INC.,  
AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE,  
WESTERN STATES PETROLEUM  
ASSOCIATION, MCKINSEY AND  
COMPANY, INC., and  
DOES 1-250 INCLUSIVE,

Defendants.

Case No.

**COMPLAINT**  
(Public Nuisance, Negligence,  
Fraud & Deceit, and Trespass)

PRAYER: \$51,550,000,000

Or Laws 2012, ch. 48, Sec. 2;  
ORS 21.160(1)(e)

CLAIMS NOT SUBJECT TO  
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**COMPLAINT FOR CIVIL DAMAGES AND ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCE**

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2 business activities in Oregon and purposefully availed itself of the rights, obligations, and  
3 privileges of the laws of Oregon.

4 190.

5 WSPA has coordinated and participated in a deliberate misinformation campaign to  
6 downplay and/or deny the causal relationship between the GHG emissions of its members and  
7 extreme weather events like that those described herein. WSPA's deception is a substantial factor  
8 and cause of enormous harm to the Plaintiff for which this Defendant is individually and jointly  
9 and severally liable to Plaintiff.  
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11 **5. Other Defendants**

12 191.

13 McKinsey and Company, Inc. United States is a privately owned entity headquartered in  
14 New York, New York. McKinsey is registered to do business in Oregon and in all fifty states. At  
15 all relevant times, McKinsey has transacted business throughout Oregon, including in Multnomah  
16 County. McKinsey has conducted substantial business activities in Oregon and purposefully  
17 availed itself of the rights, obligations, and privileges of the laws of Oregon.  
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19 192.

20 Defendant McKinsey & Company, Inc. is a corporation organized under the laws of the  
21 state of New York. McKinsey's principal place of business is located at 711 Third Avenue, New  
22 York, NY 10017. It may be served with process via its registered agent, Corporation Service  
23 Company, at 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207.  
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25 193.

26 Defendant McKinsey Holdings, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of  
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2 business is located at 711 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017. It may be served with process via  
3 its registered agent, Corporation Service Company, 251 Little Falls Drive, Wilmington, DE 19808.

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5 Upon information and belief, McKinsey & Company, Inc. is the parent company of  
6 McKinsey & Company Holdings, Inc., which is itself the parent company of both McKinsey &  
7 Company, Inc. United States and McKinsey & Company, Inc. Washington D.C. Upon information  
8 and belief, each subsidiary corporation is wholly owned by its parent. to as (collectively  
9 “McKinsey”).  
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11 195.

12 McKinsey is one of the world’s largest and most influential consulting companies.  
13 McKinsey prides itself on learning the intimacies of its clients’ businesses, embedding itself in  
14 management, and evolving “transformational partnerships” with actual boots on the ground.  
15 McKinsey’s work with fossil fuel entities dates back several decades. Though McKinsey promotes  
16 itself as being “committed to protecting the planet,” McKinsey counts at least seventeen mining  
17 and fossil fuel companies among its biggest clients. McKinsey’s claims of commitment to  
18 environmental protectionism stand in stark contrast to the millions of dollars it has earned assisting  
19 its fossil fuel and mining company clients in promoting themes to deny the existence and/or gravity  
20 of ACC.  
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23 Since 2010, McKinsey has worked for at least forty-three of the hundred companies that  
24 have pumped substantial tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere since 1965.  
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Those forty-three companies, when accounting for the customers who use their products, were responsible for a substantial share of the greenhouse gas emissions from the fossil fuel industry, including Defendants, in the past several decades.

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Chevron is one of McKinsey’s biggest clients, generating at least \$50 million in consulting fees in 2019. Saudi Aramco, number one on the list, has been a McKinsey client since at least the 1970s. During that half a century, Chevron’s total emissions were approximately 43.7 gigatons (43 billion tons) of carbon dioxide. In 2019, energy-related emissions for the entire planet amounted to about 33 gigatons, according to the International Energy Agency.

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Other top McKinsey fossil fuel clients include ExxonMobil, BP, Royal Dutch Shell, Russia’s Gazprom, and Qatar Petroleum.

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McKinsey has coordinated and participated in a deliberate misinformation campaign to downplay and/or outright deny the causal relationship between the GHG emissions of its members and extreme weather events like that those described herein. McKinsey’s deception is a substantial factor and cause of enormous harm to the Plaintiff for which this Defendant is individually and jointly and severally liable to Plaintiff.

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DOES 25-250, are heretofore unnamed entities, organizations or persons actively engaged in the GHG emissions, or in the deceptive enterprise that have harmed Multnomah County.



**OREGON  
STATE  
TREASURY**

**State of Oregon  
Office of the State Treasurer  
Services Contract**

This Services Contract, numbered 5975, is between the State of Oregon, acting by and through the Office of the State Treasurer (Treasury) and McKinsey & Company, Inc. Washington D.C. (Contractor), a Delaware corporation.

The Contract Administrators for the Contract are as follows, or as may be otherwise designated by the parties with notice from time to time:

Treasury:  
Rachel Wray  
Chief Operating Officer  
Executive Division  
867 Hawthorne Ave SE  
Salem, OR, 97301  
Phone: 503-378-5474  
Email: Rachel.wray@ost.state.or.us

Contractor: McKinsey & Company, Inc. Washington  
D.C.  
Marcos Tarnowski  
Senior Partner Lead  
1200 19th Street NW, Suite 1000  
Washington, DC 20036  
Email: marcos\_tarnowski@mckinsey.com with copy to  
mckinsey\_contracts@mckinsey.com

For good and sufficient consideration, including the terms and conditions herein, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. Effective Date and Duration.** This Contract is effective on the date this Contract has been signed by every party hereto and, when required, approved by the Department of Justice. Unless terminated or extended, this Contract must expire when Treasury accepts Contractor's completed performance or on March 31, 2024, whichever date occurs first. The term of this Contract may be extended for additional periods by execution of a written amendment extending the foregoing termination date. Expiration or termination will not extinguish or prejudice Treasury's right to enforce this Contract with respect to any breach of a Contractor warranty or any default or defect in Contractor performance that has not been cured.
- 2. Statement of Work.** The statement of work (the "Services"), including the delivery schedule for such Services, is contained in Exhibit A attached and incorporated by reference into this Contract. Contractor agrees to perform the Services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract.
- 3. Consideration.**





- a.** Contractor's Representations and Warranties. Contractor represents and warrants to Treasury that (1) Contractor has the power and authority to enter into and perform this Contract, (2) this Contract, when executed and delivered, will be a valid and binding obligation of Contractor enforceable in accordance with its terms and will not violate: (i) any provision of the charter documents of Contractor, (ii) any state law or judgment, decree, order, regulation or rule of any court, or governmental authority applicable to Contractor, or (iii) any agreement to which Contractor is bound which violation would result in a material adverse effect on the business and financial condition of Contractor, (3) the Services under this Contract will be performed in a good and workmanlike manner and in accordance with professional standards, (4) the personnel of Contractor that are responsible for discharging Contractor's duties and obligations under this Contract are individuals experienced in the performance of the Services contemplated under this Contract and will, at all times during the term of this Contract, be qualified, professionally competent, and will have completed, obtained and performed all registrations, filings, approvals, authorizations, consents, examinations or licensing required by any governmental authority to perform the Services, and (5) there are no (i) actions, (ii) proceedings or (iii) investigations by any state or federal regulatory authority pending, or to Contractor's knowledge threatened, against Contractor (A) that could have a material adverse effect on the business and financial condition of Contractor or its ability to perform the Services or (B) that claim or allege fraud or misrepresentation by Contractor or its officers, directors or partners, nor has Contractor, or any of its officers, directors or partners, been found liable under or guilty of any claims of fraud or misrepresentation.
- b.** Warranties Cumulative. The warranties set forth in this section are in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other warranties provided.

## **10. Ownership of Work Product.**

- a. Definitions.** As used in this Section 10, and elsewhere in this Contract, the following terms have the meanings set forth below:
- i.** "Contractor Intellectual Property" means any intellectual property that is owned by Contractor, and derivative works and compilations of any Contractor Intellectual Property.
  - ii.** "Third Party Intellectual Property" means any intellectual property owned by parties other than Treasury or Contractor. Third Party Intellectual Property includes software owned by third parties, data and information provided by a third party (including as described in Exhibit D), and derivative works and compilations of any Third Party Intellectual Property.
  - iii.** "Treasury Intellectual Property" means any intellectual property that is owned by Treasury, including Confidential Information (as defined



STATE OF OREGON'S INTERESTS, OR THAT AN IMPORTANT GOVERNMENTAL PRINCIPLE IS AT ISSUE AND THE STATE OF OREGON DESIRES TO ASSUME ITS OWN DEFENSE.

**d. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.** EXCEPT FOR CLAIMS, DEMANDS, AND ACTIONS FOR PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH, THE CONTRACTOR'S GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT, AND FOR CONTRACTOR'S INDEMNITY OBLIGATIONS UNDER SECTIONS 11(A) AND 11(B) OF THIS CONTRACT, IN NO EVENT SHALL THE CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CONTRACT EXCEED THE FEES RECEIVED BY THE CONTRACTOR FROM THE TREASURY UNDER THIS CONTRACT. NEITHER PARTY WILL BE LIABLE FOR ANY INDIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, PUNITIVE OR SPECIAL DAMAGES.

**12. Insurance.** Contractor must maintain insurance as indicated on Exhibit B, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

**13. Default; Remedies; Termination.**

**a. Default by Contractor.** Contractor will be in default under this Contract if:

- i.** Contractor institutes or has instituted against it insolvency, receivership or bankruptcy proceedings, makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or ceases doing business on a regular basis; or
- ii.** Contractor no longer holds a license or certificate that is required for Contractor to perform its obligations under the Contract and Contractor has not obtained such license or certificate within thirty (30) calendar days after Treasury's notice or such longer period as Treasury may specify in such notice; or
- iii.** Contractor commits any material breach or default of any covenant, warranty, obligation or agreement under this Contract, fails to perform the Services or provide any deliverables or Work Product under this Contract within the time specified herein or any extension thereof, and such breach, default or failure is not cured within thirty (30) calendar days after Treasury's notice, or such longer period as Treasury may specify in such notice; or
- iv.** Contractor's representations and covenants regarding compliance with pay equity provisions or "Tax Laws" as set forth in Section 15.2 and Exhibit C of this Contract are false or become false because Contractor fails to comply with any such provisions during the term of this Contract; or
- v.** Contractor has liquidated and delinquent debt owed to the State of Oregon or any department of agency of the State and fails to resolve such



liquidated or delinquent debt within thirty (30) calendar days after Treasury's written notice.

**b. Treasury's Remedies for Contractor's Default.** In the event Contractor is in default under Section 13.a, Treasury may, at its option, pursue any or all of the remedies available to it under this Contract and at law or in equity, including, but not limited to:

- i. Termination of this Contract under Sections 13.e (ii) or 13.e(iii);
- ii. Withholding all monies due for Services, deliverables and Work Products that Contractor has failed to deliver within any scheduled completion dates or has performed inadequately or defectively;
- iii. Initiation of an action or proceeding for damages, specific performance, or declaratory or injunctive relief;
- iv. Undertake collection by administrative offset, or garnishment if applicable, of all moneys due for Services, deliverables or Work Product to recover liquidated and delinquent debt owed to the State of Oregon or any department or agency of the State. Offsets or garnishment may be initiated after Contractor has been given any notice required by law; or
- v. Any other remedies available at law or equity.

These remedies are cumulative to the extent the remedies are not inconsistent, and Treasury may pursue any remedy or remedies singly, collectively, successively or in any order whatsoever. If a court determines that Contractor was not in default under Section 13.a, then Contractor will be entitled to the same remedies as if this Contract was terminated pursuant to Section 13.e (i).

**c. Default by Treasury.** Treasury will be in default under this Contract if:

- i. Treasury fails to pay Contractor any amount pursuant to the terms of this Contract, and Treasury fails to cure such failure within thirty (30) calendar days after Contractor's notice or such longer period as Contractor may specify in such notice; or
- ii. Treasury commits any material breach or default of any covenant, warranty, or obligation under this Contract, and such breach or default is not cured within thirty (30) calendar days after Contractor's notice or such longer period as Contractor may specify in such notice.

**d. Contractor's Remedies for Treasury's Default.** In the event Treasury terminates the Contract under Section 13.e(ii) or (iii), or in the event Treasury is in default under Section 13.c and whether or not Contractor elects to exercise its right to terminate the Contract under Section 13.e(iv), Contractor's sole





remedy will be (a) with respect to Services compensable on an hourly basis, a claim for unpaid invoices, hours worked within any limits set forth in this Contract but not yet billed, authorized expenses incurred and interest within the limits permitted under ORS 293.462, and (b) with respect to deliverable-based Services, a claim for the sum designated for completing the deliverable multiplied by the percentage of Services completed and accepted by Treasury, in each case less previous amounts paid and any claim(s) that Treasury has against Contractor. In no event will Treasury be liable to Contractor for any expenses related to termination of this Contract or for anticipated profits. If previous amounts paid to Contractor exceed the amount due to Contractor under this Section 13.d, Contractor must pay immediately any excess to Treasury upon written demand provided in accordance with Section 20.

**e. Termination.**

- i. Parties' Right to Terminate for Convenience.** This Contract may be terminated at any time by mutual written consent of the parties.
- ii. Treasury's Right to Terminate for Convenience.** Treasury may, at its sole discretion, terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, upon 10 days' notice to Contractor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Treasury may, at its sole discretion, terminate this Contract immediately upon written notice to Contractor: (1) if Treasury fails to receive funding, appropriations, limitations, allotments or other expenditure authority at levels sufficient to pay for the Services, any Deliverables or Work Product; or (2) if federal or state laws, regulations, or guidelines are modified or interpreted in such a way that the Treasury's purchase of the Services, any Deliverables or Work Product under this Contract is prohibited or Treasury is prohibited from paying for such Services, Deliverables or Work Product from the planned funding source.
- iii. Treasury's Right to Terminate for Cause.** In addition to any other rights and remedies Treasury may have under this Contract, Treasury may terminate this Contract immediately upon written notice by Treasury to Contractor, or at such later date as Treasury may establish in such notice, or upon expiration of the time period and with such notice as provided in Section 13.e (iii) (B) through (D) below, upon the occurrence of any of the following events:
  - A.** Contractor is in default under Section 13.a (i) because Contractor institutes or has instituted against it insolvency, receivership or bankruptcy proceedings, makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or ceases doing business on a regular basis;
  - B.** Contractor is in default under Section 13.a(ii) because Contractor no longer holds a license or certificate that is required for it to



perform services under the Contract and Contractor has not obtained such license or certificate within thirty (30) calendar days after Treasury's notice or such longer period as Treasury may specify in such notice; or

- C. Contractor is in default under Section 13.a(iii) because Contractor commits any material breach or default of any covenant, warranty, obligation or agreement under this Contract, fails to perform the Services or provide any required deliverables or Work Product under this Contract within the time specified herein or any extension thereof, or so fails to pursue the Services, deliverables or Work Product as to endanger Contractor's performance under this Contract in accordance with its terms, and such breach, default or failure is not cured within thirty (30) calendar days after Treasury's notice, or such longer period as Treasury may specify in such notice; or
- D. Contractor is in default under Section 13.a(iv) or (v) for failure to pay taxes or other liquidated and delinquent debt owed to the State of Oregon and fails to resolve such liquidated or delinquent debt within thirty (30) calendar days after Treasury's written notice; or
- E. Contractor fails to comply with section 15.c, which constitutes a breach that entitles Treasury to terminate this Contract for cause.

**iv. Contractor's Right to Terminate for Cause.** Contractor may terminate this Contract with such written notice to Treasury as provided in Sections 13.e (iv) (A) and (B) below, or at such later date as Contractor may establish in such notice, upon the occurrence of the following events:

- A. Treasury is in default under Section 13.c(i) because Treasury fails to pay Contractor any amount pursuant to the terms of this Contract, and Treasury fails to cure such failure within thirty (30) calendar days after Contractor's notice or such longer period as Contractor may specify in such notice; or
- B. Treasury is in default under Section 13.c (ii) because Treasury commits any material breach or default of any covenant, warranty, or obligation under this Contract, fails to perform its commitments hereunder within the time specified or any extension thereof, and Treasury fails to cure such failure within thirty (30) calendar days after Contractor's notice or such longer period as Contractor may specify in such notice.

**From:** [Patti Mckniff](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Support human rights, divest from Elbit Systems  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 10:55:18 PM

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*Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,*

*Please immediately divest the Public Employee Retirement Fund from the Israeli military contractor Elbit Systems. As an Oregon taxpayer, I object to my **taxes** being used to support Israeli war crimes against the Palestinian people. For years, these weapons have routinely been used against Palestinian civilians, resulting in numerous casualties as well as mass destruction of homes and civilian infrastructure, including hospitals, schools, and water and electric systems. These attacks include war crimes that Israel has committed during several major military offensives against the [Gaza Strip](#), which has been [illegally blockaded](#) since 2007:*

- *2022 ("Operation Breaking Dawn"): Within three days of this unprovoked offensive, Israel killed at least 33 Palestinians, including 17 civilians. Evidence of war crimes was recorded by [Amnesty International](#).*
- *2021 ("Operation Guardian of the Walls"): During this assault, Israel killed at least 261 Palestinians, including 67 children and 41 women. At least half of the fatalities were civilians, and more than 2,200 additional Palestinians were injured. Evidence of war crimes and possible crimes against humanity was published by Palestinian human rights organizations [Al-Haz](#), [Al-Mezan](#), and the [Palestinian Center of Human Rights](#); [Amnesty International](#); and [Human Rights Watch](#).*
- *2014 ("Operation Protective Edge"): During this 50-day assault, Israel killed at least 2,131 Palestinians, at least 1,473 of whom were civilians, including 501 children and 257 women. At least 11,100 Palestinians were wounded, including 3,374 children. Evidence of war crimes was published by Palestinian human rights organizations [Al-Haq and Al-Mezan](#); Israeli organization [B'Tselem](#); [Amnesty International](#); and [Human Rights Watch](#).*

*In the last two months, Israel's bombardment of Gaza has killed nearly 15,000 civilians, including more than 6,000 children, using munitions and other weapons of war made by Elbit. The Oregon Treasury's investment in Elbit makes Oregonians complicit in the crime of collective punishment, which is forbidden by the Geneva Conventions. We will not be complicit, and we will not be silent. Divest Now!*

*Thank you for your time and consideration,*

*Patricia McKniff*



**From:** [Matthew DiBattista](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Urgent Call for Divestment: Cease Support for Elbit Systems and Uphold Human Rights  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 5:45:03 PM

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Thank you,

Matthew DiBattista

**From:** [ardelorenzo@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:ardelorenzo@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Anthony DeLorenzo](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Friday, November 3, 2023 8:13:49 AM

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Dear Public Comment,

As an Oregon tax payer, I am writing to express my strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO Group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveil and then kill Palestinians.

Oregon's investment in the Berkeley Research Group is highly unethical and is endangering state employee pensions by investing in long-term risky spyware. Israel's credit rating has been downgraded by Moody's, and it is financially irresponsible to invest pension funds in an Israeli company that is directly contributing to this turmoil.

I demand that the Oregon Investment Council take the following actions:

1. Immediately divest state pension funds from Berkeley Research Group, ending our state's partnership with the firm, and, by extension, NSO Group.
2. Implement a human rights screening for all future state investments, and especially for the public employee pension fund.

A partnership between Oregon and NSO Group should have never existed to begin with, and we demand that the Oregon State Treasury and Oregon Investment Council address this issue immediately. This is not only an argument about ethical investment, but a demand to stop taking this massive financial risk with our investments. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Mr. Anthony DeLorenzo

 Portland, OR 97202-7938

[ardelorenzo@gmail.com](mailto:ardelorenzo@gmail.com)

**From:** [easysignupss@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:easysignupss@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Antoinette Foster](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 11:26:23 PM

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Sincerely,

Dr. Antoinette Foster

 Portland, OR 97216-2034

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**From:** [arushis2012@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:arushis2012@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Arushi Singhal](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 21, 2023 10:58:04 AM

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Sincerely,

Miss Arushi Singhal

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[arushis2012@gmail.com](mailto:arushis2012@gmail.com)

**From:** [ashley.wirthlin@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:ashley.wirthlin@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Ashley Mumm](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 7, 2023 7:30:32 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Ashley Mumm

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**From:** [aspenhumphries55@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:aspenhumphries55@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Aspen Humphries](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 8:51:26 AM

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [augustuscook@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:augustuscook@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Augustus Cook](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 4:56:48 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [austinhaidar20@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:austinhaidar20@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Austin Haidar](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, October 28, 2023 1:48:50 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [ayshaghazoul@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:ayshaghazoul@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Aysha Ghazoul](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 8:03:30 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [asniderslojd@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:asniderslojd@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Aaron Snyder](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 10:22:06 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [swansonvb99@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:swansonvb99@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Abby Swanson](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 8:33:57 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Abby Swanson

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**From:** [abutler@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:abutler@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Abigail Butler](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 1, 2023 12:42:51 PM

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Sincerely,  
Ms. Abigail Butler

  
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**From:** [abigailramsey96@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:abigailramsey96@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Abigail Ramsey](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 9:27:03 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Abigail Ramsey

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**From:** [aestevens617@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:aestevens617@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Abigayle Stevens](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 21, 2023 5:01:26 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [adriannecamacho35@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:adriannecamacho35@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Adrienne Camacho](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 5, 2023 6:14:44 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [acasalena12@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:acasalena12@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Adrienne Casalena](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 10:45:01 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Adrienne Casalena

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**From:** [eyez\\_Lorenz@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:eyez_Lorenz@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Aesha Lorenz Al-Saeed](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Friday, October 27, 2023 12:51:08 PM

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Sincerely,

Mrs Aesha Lorenz Al-Saeed

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**From:** [aidankuccaro@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:aidankuccaro@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Aidan Cuccaro](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 24, 2023 10:00:58 PM

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Dear Public Comment,

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Sincerely,

Mr. Aidan Cuccaro

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**From:** [alaina.maier@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:alaina.maier@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Alaina Maier](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 7, 2023 12:15:15 PM

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A partnership between Oregon and NSO Group should have never existed to begin with, and we demand that the Oregon State Treasury and Oregon Investment Council address this issue immediately. This is not only an argument about ethical investment, but a demand to stop taking this massive financial risk with our investments. Diversification does not have to mean compromising our values as human beings. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Ms. Alaina Maier

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**From:** [alec.ballweg@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:alec.ballweg@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Alec Ballweg](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 14, 2023 10:19:52 AM

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Dear Public Comment,

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

Oregon's investment in the Berkeley Research Group is highly unethical and is endangering state employee pensions by investing in long-term risky spyware. Israel's credit rating has been downgraded by Moody's, and it is financially irresponsible to invest pension funds in an Israeli company that is directly contributing to this turmoil.

We ask that the Oregon Investment Council take the following actions:

1. Immediately divest state pension funds from Berkeley Research Group, ending our state's partnership with the firm, and, by extension, NSO Group.
2. Implement a human rights screening for all future state investments, and especially for the public employee pension fund.

A partnership between Oregon and NSO Group should have never existed to begin with, and we demand that the Oregon State Treasury and Oregon Investment Council address this issue immediately. This is not only an argument about ethical investment, but a demand to stop taking this massive financial risk with our investments. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Mx. Alec Ballweg

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**From:** [abrown.gb4@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:abrown.gb4@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Alex Brown](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 11:35:35 AM

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Dear Public Comment,

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.


Oregon's investment in the Berkeley Research Group is highly unethical and is endangering state employee pensions by investing in long-term risky spyware. Israel's credit rating has been downgraded by Moody's, and it is financially irresponsible to invest pension funds in an Israeli company that is directly contributing to this turmoil.

We ask that the Oregon Investment Council take the following actions:

1. Immediately divest state pension funds from Berkeley Research Group, ending our state's partnership with the firm, and, by extension, NSO Group.
2. Implement a human rights screening for all future state investments, and especially for the public employee pension fund.

A partnership between Oregon and NSO Group should have never existed to begin with, and we demand that the Oregon State Treasury and Oregon Investment Council address this issue immediately. This is not only an argument about ethical investment, but a demand to stop taking this massive financial risk with our investments. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,  
Mr Alex Brown

  
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**From:** [iridescent.sensing@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:iridescent.sensing@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [ALEX LEBECK](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 10:26:18 PM

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Dear Public Comment,

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

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We ask that the Oregon Investment Council take the following actions:

1. Immediately divest state pension funds from Berkeley Research Group, ending our state's partnership with the firm, and, by extension, NSO Group.
2. Implement a human rights screening for all future state investments, and especially for the public employee pension fund.

A partnership between Oregon and NSO Group should have never existed to begin with, and we demand that the Oregon State Treasury and Oregon Investment Council address this issue immediately. This is not only an argument about ethical investment, but a demand to stop taking this massive financial risk with our investments. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

mr ALEX LEBECK

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**From:** [alexhugheswise@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:alexhugheswise@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [alex wise](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 1:48:02 PM

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Dear Public Comment,

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

Oregon's investment in the Berkeley Research Group is highly unethical and is endangering state employee pensions by investing in long-term risky spyware. Israel's credit rating has been downgraded by Moody's, and it is financially irresponsible to invest pension funds in an Israeli company that is directly contributing to this turmoil.

We ask that the Oregon Investment Council take the following actions:

1. Immediately divest state pension funds from Berkeley Research Group, ending our state's partnership with the firm, and, by extension, NSO Group.
2. Implement a human rights screening for all future state investments, and especially for the public employee pension fund.

A partnership between Oregon and NSO Group should have never existed to begin with, and we demand that the Oregon State Treasury and Oregon Investment Council address this issue immediately. This is not only an argument about ethical investment, but a demand to stop taking this massive financial risk with our investments. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [alexmahogany5@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:alexmahogany5@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Alexandria Simpson](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 6:01:24 PM

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Dear Public Comment,

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

Oregon's investment in the Berkeley Research Group is highly unethical and is endangering state employee pensions by investing in long-term risky spyware. Israel's credit rating has been downgraded by Moody's, and it is financially irresponsible to invest pension funds in an Israeli company that is directly contributing to this turmoil.

We ask that the Oregon Investment Council take the following actions:

1. Immediately divest state pension funds from Berkeley Research Group, ending our state's partnership with the firm, and, by extension, NSO Group.
2. Implement a human rights screening for all future state investments, and especially for the public employee pension fund.

A partnership between Oregon and NSO Group should have never existed to begin with, and we demand that the Oregon State Treasury and Oregon Investment Council address this issue immediately. This is not only an argument about ethical investment, but a demand to stop taking this massive financial risk with our investments. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Mx. Alexandria Simpson

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**From:** [alexisaixinjueluo@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:alexisaixinjueluo@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Alexis AiXinJueLuo](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, November 9, 2023 11:52:15 AM

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Dear Public Comment,

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

Oregon's investment in the Berkeley Research Group is highly unethical and is endangering state employee pensions by investing in long-term risky spyware. Israel's credit rating has been downgraded by Moody's, and it is financially irresponsible to invest pension funds in an Israeli company that is directly contributing to this turmoil.

We ask that the Oregon Investment Council take the following actions:

1. Immediately divest state pension funds from Berkeley Research Group, ending our state's partnership with the firm, and, by extension, NSO Group.
2. Implement a human rights screening for all future state investments, and especially for the public employee pension fund.

A partnership between Oregon and NSO Group should have never existed to begin with, and we demand that the Oregon State Treasury and Oregon Investment Council address this issue immediately. This is not only an argument about ethical investment, but a demand to stop taking this massive financial risk with our investments. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [acdchorses@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:acdchorses@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Alia Del Carlo](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 5, 2023 7:33:14 PM

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Dear Public Comment,

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

Oregon's investment in the Berkeley Research Group is highly unethical and is endangering state employee pensions by investing in long-term risky spyware. Israel's credit rating has been downgraded by Moody's, and it is financially irresponsible to invest pension funds in an Israeli company that is directly contributing to this turmoil.

We ask that the Oregon Investment Council take the following actions:

1. Immediately divest state pension funds from Berkeley Research Group, ending our state's partnership with the firm, and, by extension, NSO Group.
2. Implement a human rights screening for all future state investments, and especially for the public employee pension fund.

A partnership between Oregon and NSO Group should have never existed to begin with, and we demand that the Oregon State Treasury and Oregon Investment Council address this issue immediately. This is not only an argument about ethical investment, but a demand to stop taking this massive financial risk with our investments. It is vital to not be complicit in the genocide taking place before the world's eyes. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Mr. Alia Del Carlo

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**From:** [alisha@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:alisha@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Alisha Lorentz](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 18, 2023 12:08:29 PM

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Dear Public Comment,

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

Oregon's investment in the Berkeley Research Group is highly unethical and is endangering state employee pensions by investing in long-term risky spyware. Israel's credit rating has been downgraded by Moody's, and it is financially irresponsible to invest pension funds in an Israeli company that is directly contributing to this turmoil.

We ask that the Oregon Investment Council take the following actions:

1. Immediately divest state pension funds from Berkeley Research Group, ending our state's partnership with the firm, and, by extension, NSO Group.
2. Implement a human rights screening for all future state investments, and especially for the public employee pension fund.

A partnership between Oregon and NSO Group should have never existed to begin with, and we demand that the Oregon State Treasury and Oregon Investment Council address this issue immediately. This is not only an argument about ethical investment, but a demand to stop taking this massive financial risk with our investments. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Ms. Alisha Lorentz

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[alisha@ladiesofparadise.com](mailto:alisha@ladiesofparadise.com)

**From:** [aliyakiara8@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:aliyakiara8@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Aliya Do](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, November 20, 2023 12:58:26 PM

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Dear Public Comment,

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

Oregon's investment in the Berkeley Research Group is highly unethical and is endangering state employee pensions by investing in long-term risky spyware. Israel's credit rating has been downgraded by Moody's, and it is financially irresponsible to invest pension funds in an Israeli company that is directly contributing to this turmoil.

We ask that the Oregon Investment Council take the following actions:

1. Immediately divest state pension funds from Berkeley Research Group, ending our state's partnership with the firm, and, by extension, NSO Group.
2. Implement a human rights screening for all future state investments, and especially for the public employee pension fund.

A partnership between Oregon and NSO Group should have never existed to begin with, and we demand that the Oregon State Treasury and Oregon Investment Council address this issue immediately. This is not only an argument about ethical investment, but a demand to stop taking this massive financial risk with our investments. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Ms. Aliya Do

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**From:** [alliewieland518@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:alliewieland518@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Allie Wieland](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 8:46:45 AM

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Dear Public Comment,

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

Oregon's investment in the Berkeley Research Group is highly unethical and is endangering state employee pensions by investing in long-term risky spyware. Israel's credit rating has been downgraded by Moody's, and it is financially irresponsible to invest pension funds in an Israeli company that is directly contributing to this turmoil.

We ask that the Oregon Investment Council take the following actions:

1. Immediately divest state pension funds from Berkeley Research Group, ending our state's partnership with the firm, and, by extension, NSO Group.
2. Implement a human rights screening for all future state investments, and especially for the public employee pension fund.

A partnership between Oregon and NSO Group should have never existed to begin with, and we demand that the Oregon State Treasury and Oregon Investment Council address this issue immediately. This is not only an argument about ethical investment, but a demand to stop taking this massive financial risk with our investments. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Ms. Allie Wieland

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**From:** [amayalmagana@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:amayalmagana@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Amaya Magana](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, November 13, 2023 6:18:59 PM

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Dear Public Comment,

I call on my representatives to heed my words:

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

Oregon's investment in the Berkeley Research Group is highly unethical and is endangering state employee pensions by investing in long-term risky spyware. Israel's credit rating has been downgraded by Moody's, and it is financially irresponsible to invest pension funds in an Israeli company that is directly contributing to this turmoil.

We ask that the Oregon Investment Council take the following actions:

1. Immediately divest state pension funds from Berkeley Research Group, ending our state's partnership with the firm, and, by extension, NSO Group.
2. Implement a human rights screening for all future state investments, and especially for the public employee pension fund.

A partnership between Oregon and NSO Group should have never existed to begin with, and we demand that the Oregon State Treasury and Oregon Investment Council address this issue immediately. This is not only an argument about ethical investment, but a demand to stop taking this massive financial risk with our investments. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Miss Amaya Magana

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**From:** [ambershkhaneveryactioncustom.com](mailto:ambershkhaneveryactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Amber Khan](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 2:27:18 PM

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Dear Public Comment,

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

Oregon's investment in the Berkeley Research Group is highly unethical and is endangering state employee pensions by investing in long-term risky spyware. Israel's credit rating has been downgraded by Moody's, and it is financially irresponsible to invest pension funds in an Israeli company that is directly contributing to this turmoil.

We ask that the Oregon Investment Council take the following actions:

1. Immediately divest state pension funds from Berkeley Research Group, ending our state's partnership with the firm, and, by extension, NSO Group.
2. Implement a human rights screening for all future state investments, and especially for the public employee pension fund.

A partnership between Oregon and NSO Group should have never existed to begin with, and we demand that the Oregon State Treasury and Oregon Investment Council address this issue immediately. This is not only an argument about ethical investment, but a demand to stop taking this massive financial risk with our investments. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Miss Amber Khan

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**From:** [amirr91@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:amirr91@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Amir Rizvi](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, October 21, 2023 5:48:35 PM

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Dear Public Comment,

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

Oregon's investment in the Berkeley Research Group is highly unethical and is endangering state employee pensions by investing in long-term risky spyware. Israel's credit rating has been downgraded by Moody's, and it is financially irresponsible to invest pension funds in an Israeli company that is directly contributing to this turmoil.

We ask that the Oregon Investment Council take the following actions:

1. Immediately divest state pension funds from Berkeley Research Group, ending our state's partnership with the firm, and, by extension, NSO Group.
2. Implement a human rights screening for all future state investments, and especially for the public employee pension fund.

A partnership between Oregon and NSO Group should have never existed to begin with, and we demand that the Oregon State Treasury and Oregon Investment Council address this issue immediately. This is not only an argument about ethical investment, but a demand to stop taking this massive financial risk with our investments. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Mr. Amir Rizvi

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**From:** [Amy.Franco27@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:Amy.Franco27@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Amy Franco](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 10:03:42 PM

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Dear Public Comment,

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

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We ask that the Oregon Investment Council take the following actions:

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2. Implement a human rights screening for all future state investments, and especially for the public employee pension fund.

A partnership between Oregon and NSO Group should have never existed to begin with, and we demand that the Oregon State Treasury and Oregon Investment Council address this issue immediately. This is not only an argument about ethical investment, but a demand to stop taking this massive financial risk with our investments. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Ms Amy Franco

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**From:** [amypartida01@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:amypartida01@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Amy Partida](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, November 16, 2023 6:35:59 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [avltavin@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:avltavin@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Andra Vltavin](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 4:21:03 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [angelastemler237@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:angelastemler237@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Angela Stemler](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 5:12:58 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [angelanthornton@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:angelanthornton@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Angela Thornton](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 29, 2023 12:41:02 PM

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [KnittyMom5@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:KnittyMom5@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Angie Daggett](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 2:20:09 PM

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Sincerely,  
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**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, October 28, 2023 1:01:13 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [a.ashraf827@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:a.ashraf827@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Anjabeen Ashraf](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 9:34:02 PM

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Sincerely,

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**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 14, 2023 1:18:02 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [annabelleskywelch@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:annabelleskywelch@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Annabelle Welch](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 6:02:24 PM

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Sincerely,  
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**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Friday, October 27, 2023 7:06:01 PM

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Sincerely,  
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**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 5:02:15 PM

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Sincerely,

Mr. Cassady Bell

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**From:** [cecewooten@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:cecewooten@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Cecelia Wooten](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 6:05:20 PM

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Free Palestine. Stop Settler Colonialism.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 5, 2023 2:01:12 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [kchiduong45@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:kchiduong45@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [chi duong](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 29, 2023 10:13:29 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [casadevejar@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:casadevejar@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Christina Cronin-Vejar](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 6:27:07 AM

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**From:** [garfieldsfatwetbussy@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:garfieldsfatwetbussy@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [clover garfunkel](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 8:19:47 AM

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Dear Public Comment,

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [courtneybeasley@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:courtneybeasley@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Courtney Beasley](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Friday, November 3, 2023 10:51:38 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [stewardsgold@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:stewardsgold@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Crystal Pettit](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Friday, November 10, 2023 5:11:20 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Crystal Pettit

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**From:** [danidobekwcms@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:danidobekwcms@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Dani Battles](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 25, 2023 12:40:18 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [daniel.oron@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:daniel.oron@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Daniel Oron](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 6:12:22 PM

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Dear Public Comment,

I am a Jewish American and an Israeli-American. I can tell you from personal experience that supporting Israel's genocide does not help anyone. It does not make Jewish people safer, it does not make Israelis safer, and it certainly does not make Palestinians safer. Please put your money and your voices on the right side of history.

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [darin3941@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:darin3941@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Darin Aguilar](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, November 27, 2023 1:12:37 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [candishertz@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:candishertz@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Candis Hertz](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 6:06:16 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [david.esben16@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:david.esben16@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [David Lopez-Aparicio](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 10:02:37 PM

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Sincerely,  
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**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 12:51:09 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [devincapote@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:devincapote@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Devin Capote](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 2:30:16 PM

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Sincerely,

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**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 11:02:24 PM

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Sincerely,

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**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 12:32:35 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [dustinjsims@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:dustinjsims@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Dustin Sims](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 12:55:18 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [dylan.dills@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:dylan.dills@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Dylan Dills](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 5:08:37 PM

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Sincerely,

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**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 7:08:30 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [bellajimenez7727@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:bellajimenez7727@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Bella Jimenez](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 12:32:53 PM

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Sincerely,

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**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, October 21, 2023 5:21:23 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [bhstenvick@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:bhstenvick@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Blair Stenvick](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 1:26:27 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [marlowe.bowie@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:marlowe.bowie@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Bowie Levick](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 12:16:18 PM

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Sincerely,

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**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 9:10:45 AM

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Sincerely,

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**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 6:01:44 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [brittney@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:brittney@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Brittney Pioquinto](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 31, 2023 5:34:28 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [brittneyreaume@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:brittneyreaume@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Brittney Reaume](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 24, 2023 9:03:37 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [lookbrookeayala@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:lookbrookeayala@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Brooke Keller](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 8:51:48 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [brycelber@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:brycelber@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Bryce Alber](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, October 21, 2023 7:34:27 PM

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Sincerely,  
Mr. Bryce Alber  
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**From:** [Caitybunch@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:Caitybunch@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Caitlin Brady](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, November 6, 2023 2:34:21 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Caitlin Brady

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**From:** [comeshart@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:comeshart@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Camesha Hart](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 4, 2023 11:07:10 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [canjahn@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:canjahn@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Candace Jahn](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 10:06:01 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Candace Jahn

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**From:** [David Labby](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public comments to OIC  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 18, 2023 6:09:48 PM

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Member of the OIC:

As I am sure you are aware, last month's actuarial valuation report to the PERS Board by Milliman, the fund actuary, brought no good news:

- Milliman reported an \$8 Billion increase in OPERF's unfunded liability, primarily driven by 2022 investment losses vs the assumed 6.9% return rate.
- This brought OPERF's funded status down from 86% at year-end 2021 to 79% at year-end 2022.
- For 2023, Milliman reported that OPERF investment returns through July 2023 were only 3.79%, still well below the assumed return rate of 6.9%.
- Milliman also provided an advisory calculation that unless investment returns fully rebound by December 31, 2023, there will be significant increases in employer contributions rates for 2025-2027.

As far as we can see, no one expects investment returns to fully rebound in the next two months. Nor do we seem to be anywhere near to the end of the current economic turbulence. OPERF private investments are most likely not yet even fully marked down. So it is indeed likely that OPERF employers – who are already strapped in their ability to deliver services – will be faced with increased contribution rates.

At the same September meeting, the PERS Board reaffirmed that the assumed rate of return for OPERF investments going forward will remain 6.9%.

In its most recent annual State of Pension report, the nonpartisan Equable Institute, put the probability of a State Pension fund earning a 6.5% return over the next 10 years at 40%. (show diagram)

So how will the Treasury mitigate the risk of continuing investment underperformance, of an increasing unfunded liability, and the need for ever increasing contributions from employers, beneficiaries, or the state?

One obvious path is to get rid of bad investments, through divesting assets that will only drag the portfolio down. As Divest Oregon has argued for the past two years – and has been argued by the OST's own climate finance consultants (ORTEC) – *fossil fuels such as coal are bad investments; reducing fossil fuel exposure is reducing*

*investment risk.*

Along with economic uncertainty comes the increasing *certainty* of economic, societal and climate chaos unless we act urgently to cut carbon emissions. In 2023, the UN Panel on Climate Change warned that a “liveable future” can only happen with “deep rapid and sustained greenhouse gas emissions reductions in all sectors” by 2030, that is, in the next 6 years.

What is the investment outlook for fossil fuels in a world of extreme weather events, crop failures, water shortages, societal and political disruptions, and mass population displacements?

We applaud Treasurer Read’s commitment to presenting a “Decarbonization Plan” to the OIC early next year. But for it to be in any way credible it must meet the urgency of the moment by as quickly as possible by divesting the portfolio from its most toxic investments – toxic both to the world we live in and to the future returns of our state pension program.

Given the headwinds OPERF is now facing, without divestment of fossil fuels such as coal, the “Decarbonization Plan” will simply be blowing smoke - toxic smoke.

David Labby



Portland Oregon 97211

**From:** [jnetтели@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:jnetтели@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Jeanette Li](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 15, 2023 12:18:00 PM

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Dear Public Comment,

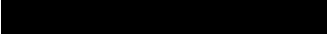
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**From:** [pdhl7470@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:pdhl7470@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Jennifer Hansen](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, November 13, 2023 11:30:48 AM

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [mendez0207@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:mendez0207@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Jessica Mendez](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 31, 2023 11:12:13 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Jessicay6799@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:Jessicay6799@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Jessica Yu](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 1:26:07 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [jennyjennyfer8@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:jennyjennyfer8@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [J L](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 1, 2023 4:19:20 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [jcstatz@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:jcstatz@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Joel Statz](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 7:55:08 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [mangamaniac2020@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:mangamaniac2020@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [John Anderson](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 5:07:11 AM

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Sincerely,

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**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 8:34:07 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [jonajona625@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:jonajona625@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Jonah Reyes](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Friday, November 3, 2023 8:13:41 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [jgatewoodbrown@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:jgatewoodbrown@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Jonas Brown](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 9:20:17 AM

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Sincerely,

Mr. Jonas Brown

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**From:** [jeliaswooten@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:jeliaswooten@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Jonathan Wooten](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 6:02:54 PM

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Free Palestine, End the Apartheid!!!!!!!

Sincerely,  
Mr. Jonathan Wooten  
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**From:** [jose.pena02212001@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:jose.pena02212001@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Jose Pena Sanchez](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Friday, November 3, 2023 10:22:58 PM

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Sincerely,

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**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, November 16, 2023 11:55:51 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [crazyjozy95@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:crazyjozy95@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Josie Dean](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 1, 2023 2:21:11 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [jfritzendres@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:jfritzendres@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Julia Fritz-Endres](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, November 13, 2023 8:35:35 PM

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We ask that the Oregon Investment Council take the following actions:

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Sincerely,

Ms Julia Fritz-Endres

  
jfritzendres@gmail.com

Portland, OR 97232-1675

**From:** [jmodenthal1@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:jmodenthal1@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Julia Odenthal](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 2:50:44 PM

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [justinegk3@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:justinegk3@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Justine Kim](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 31, 2023 4:07:00 PM

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Sincerely,

Miss Justine Kim

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**From:** [jrenee1221@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:jrenee1221@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Justine McConville](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 7:46:00 AM

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Sincerely,  
Mrs. Justine McConville

[Redacted signature]



**From:** [eaenrgoss@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:eaenrgoss@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Eaen Goss](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, October 21, 2023 9:03:07 PM

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Dear Public Comment,

As an Oregon taxpayer, union member, and a beneficiary of the public employee retirement system, I am writing to express my strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in the Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveil and then kill Palestinians.

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Sincerely,

Mx. Eaen Goss

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**From:** [ed.rosariojr2@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:ed.rosariojr2@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Ed Rosario](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 1:26:56 PM

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As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

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Sincerely,  
Mr Ed Rosario  
  
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**From:** [intentionallyundefined@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:intentionallyundefined@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Edith Moore](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 6:01:55 PM

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Dear Public Comment,

NO OREGONIAN MONEY TO FUND GENOCIDE. FREE PALESTINE.

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Edith Moore

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**From:** [elisedixonpdx@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:elisedixonpdx@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Elise Dixon](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 12:25:12 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Elise Dixon

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**From:** [elizabeth@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:elizabeth@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Elizabeth Bryant](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, November 13, 2023 5:47:55 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Elizabeth Bryant

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[elizabeth@rosehillflowerfarm.com](mailto:elizabeth@rosehillflowerfarm.com)

**From:** [lizpilargriffith@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:lizpilargriffith@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Elizabeth G](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 11:20:01 AM

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Sincerely,  
Ms Elizabeth G  
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**From:** [batbeinbrew@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:batbeinbrew@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Elizabeth Shihadeh](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 7:35:26 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Elizabeth Shihadeh

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**From:** [engelenell@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:engelenell@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Ellie Engelen](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 24, 2023 6:16:06 AM

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Sincerely,

Mx. Ellie Engelen

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**From:** [ellioterikaaliina1@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:ellioterikaaliina1@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Elliot Prince](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 9:11:53 PM

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Sincerely,

Miss Elliot Prince

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[ellioterikaaliina1@gmail.com](mailto:ellioterikaaliina1@gmail.com)

**From:** [elysethomas1094@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:elysethomas1094@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Elyse Thomas](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 12:46:31 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Elyse Thomas

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[elysethomas1094@gmail.com](mailto:elysethomas1094@gmail.com)

**From:** [kaiyaportillo@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:kaiyaportillo@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Embla Portillo](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 12:00:45 AM

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Dear Public Comment,

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2. Implement a human rights screening for all future state investments, and especially for the public employee pension fund.

A partnership between Oregon and NSO Group should have never existed to begin with, and we demand that the Oregon State Treasury and Oregon Investment Council address this issue immediately. This is not only an argument about ethical investment, but a demand to stop taking this massive financial risk with our investments. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [emerickennard@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:emerickennard@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Emeric Kennard](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 12:26:43 PM

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Dear Public Comment,

I am emphatically adding my support to a collective demand that Oregon stop any and all participation in Israel's genocide against Palestinian people.

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveil and kill Palestinians.

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It is NEVER too late to choose humanity and you ALWAYS have an opportunity to choose differently. Seize that choice now!

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [emiliae.contreras@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:emiliae.contreras@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Emilia Contreras](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 30, 2023 1:00:37 AM

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Dear Public Comment,

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

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Sincerely,  
Miss Emilia Contreras

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**From:** [eecraft9@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:eecraft9@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [EMILY CRAFT](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 8, 2023 3:47:11 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. EMILY CRAFT

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**From:** [emilysacat@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:emilysacat@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Emily Daniels](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 2:59:19 PM

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Sincerely,

Miss Emily Daniels

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**From:** [digitalisflowers@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:digitalisflowers@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [emma guinn](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 24, 2023 10:11:17 AM

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Dear Public Comment,

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [emma.doyle.smith@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:emma.doyle.smith@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Emma Smith](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 10:39:31 AM

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Dear Public Comment,

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

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2. Implement a human rights screening for all future state investments, and especially for the public employee pension fund.

A partnership between Oregon and NSO Group should have never existed to begin with, and we demand that the Oregon State Treasury and Oregon Investment Council address this issue immediately. This is not only an argument about ethical investment, but a demand to stop taking this massive financial risk with our investments. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Ms. Emma Smith

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**From:** [websteremmet5@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:websteremmet5@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Emmet Webster](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 6:39:38 PM

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Dear Public Comment,

I am an Oregon taxpayer, and a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers, and a beneficiary in the public employee retirement system. I am writing to express my strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveil and then kill Palestinians.

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2. Implement a human rights screening for all future state investments, and especially for the public employee pension fund.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Emmet Webster

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**From:** [erinedelaney@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:erinedelaney@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Erin Delaney](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 29, 2023 7:17:49 AM

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Dear Public Comment,

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

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Sincerely,

Miss Erin Delaney

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**From:** [erinholcomb@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:erinholcomb@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Erin Holcomb](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 10:04:02 AM

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Dear Public Comment,

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

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Sincerely,

Ms Erin Holcomb

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**From:** [beastmodepink82@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:beastmodepink82@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Esther Thompson](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 14, 2023 9:43:59 AM

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Sincerely,

Mx. Esther Thompson

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**From:** [ezrachong03@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:ezrachong03@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Ezra Chong](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 5:14:43 PM

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Sincerely,

Mr. Ezra Chong

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**From:** [nerdfighter1414@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:nerdfighter1414@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Ezra Flaherty](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Friday, October 27, 2023 9:04:50 PM

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Sincerely,

Mx. Ezra Flaherty

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**From:** [farahhaidari@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:farahhaidari@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Farah Haidari](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 4, 2023 1:33:16 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms Farah Haidari

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**From:** [mossfarren@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:mossfarren@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Farren Moss](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 29, 2023 2:41:18 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [gabegardiner9@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:gabegardiner9@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Gabriel Gardiner](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 10:46:39 PM

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Sincerely,

Mx. Gabriel Gardiner

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**From:** [stonegabriel1038@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:stonegabriel1038@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Gabriel Stone](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Friday, November 3, 2023 9:06:56 PM

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I am also running for Mayor of Washougal Washington USA I am hoping to get elected on November 7th and improve Islamic relations with The West thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Gabriel Stone

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**From:** [martinez.gabrielle53@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:martinez.gabrielle53@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Gabrielle Martinez](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 25, 2023 5:30:36 PM

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Dear Public Comment,

As an Oregon taxpayer, healthcare worker, and union member, many of my colleagues are beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system. We are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

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Sincerely,

Mx. Gabrielle Martinez

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**From:** [snowypumpkin@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:snowypumpkin@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Gwen Williamson](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, October 21, 2023 5:58:46 PM

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Sincerely,

Miss Gwen Williamson

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**From:** [hannahmahern@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:hannahmahern@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Hannah Ahern](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 3:26:43 PM

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Sincerely,

Miss Hannah Ahern

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**From:** [hannahanoa@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:hannahanoa@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Hannah Card](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 22, 2023 8:35:36 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Hannah Card

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**From:** [hannahginsberg907@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:hannahginsberg907@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Hannah Ginsberg](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, October 28, 2023 1:00:09 AM

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Sincerely,

Dr. Hannah Ginsberg

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**From:** [hlyons789@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:hlyons789@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [hannah lyons](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 8:48:40 PM

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Sincerely,

Mx. hannah lyons

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**From:** [spenhl95@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:spenhl95@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Hannah Spencer](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 14, 2023 7:07:28 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms Hannah Spencer

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**From:** [harlee@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:harlee@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Harlee Case](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 18, 2023 12:08:01 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Harlee Case

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**From:** [h.lobitz@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:h.lobitz@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Heather Lobitz](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 5, 2023 1:00:58 AM

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Sincerely,  
Ms. Heather Lobitz

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**From:** [ida.price16@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:ida.price16@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Ida Price](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 8, 2023 5:22:32 PM

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Sincerely,  
Mx. Ida Price



**From:** [ilsalundgrensyder@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:ilsalundgrensyder@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Ilsa Lundgren](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 10:26:19 AM

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Sincerely,  
Mrs. Ilsa Lundgren

[REDACTED]

**From:** [indiblu10@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:indiblu10@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Indigo Pinder Magana](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, November 9, 2023 5:36:50 PM

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Sincerely,  
Mx. Indigo Pinder Magana

[REDACTED]

**From:** [isaacr.wooten@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:isaacr.wooten@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Isaac Wooten](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 6:05:47 PM

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Collective punishment is unjust. The invasion and colonization of the Palestinian is unacceptable.

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Sincerely,  
Mx. Isaac Wooten





**From:** [izzyrash901@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:izzyrash901@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Isabelle Manzano](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 5, 2023 1:52:30 AM

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Sincerely,  
Ms. Isabelle Manzano



**From:** [buddeehollee@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:buddeehollee@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Jacob Pettit](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 9:24:12 AM

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Sincerely,  
Mr. Jacob Pettit

[REDACTED]

**From:** [jade@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:jade@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Jade Daniels](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 18, 2023 12:10:38 PM

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Sincerely,  
Ms. Jade Daniels

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**From:** [iamjasonvo@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:iamjasonvo@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Jason Vo](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 24, 2023 4:27:27 PM

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Sincerely,  
Mr. Jason Vo

[REDACTED]

**From:** [kaylajlarson@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:kaylajlarson@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Kayla Larson](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 6:30:23 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Kayla Larson

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**From:** [frogwhoblogs@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:frogwhoblogs@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Kayla Mae](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 9:44:06 AM

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Sincerely,

Mx Kayla Mae

 97214-2950  
[frogwhoblogs@gmail.com](mailto:frogwhoblogs@gmail.com)

**From:** [krmiller1113@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:krmiller1113@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Kayla Miller](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 7:52:25 AM

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Sincerely,

Miss Kayla Miller

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**From:** [kaylinmcperson223@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:kaylinmcperson223@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [McPherson Kaylin](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, October 28, 2023 11:54:53 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. McPherson Kaylin

 97205-1703  
[kaylinmcperson223@gmail.com](mailto:kaylinmcperson223@gmail.com)



**From:** [keasha@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:keasha@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Keasha Brown](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 18, 2023 12:08:53 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Keasha Brown

, OR 97209-2302  
[keasha@ladiesofparadise.com](mailto:keasha@ladiesofparadise.com)

**From:** [keelyquinn45@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:keelyquinn45@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Keely Quinn](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 31, 2023 9:24:02 AM

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Sincerely,  
Miss Keely Quinn

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**From:** [knovahom90@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:knovahom90@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Kelly Novahom](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 11:07:11 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Kelly Novahom

 97232-2437  
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**From:** [kelseylundgren@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:kelseylundgren@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Kelsey Lundgren](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 11:13:54 AM

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Sincerely,

Miss Kelsey Lundgren

  
kelseylundgren@gmail.com

**From:** [knicole44@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:knicole44@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Kelsey Meininger](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 15, 2023 9:50:24 AM

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Sincerely,

Miss Kelsey Meininger

 97080-9409  
[knicole44@gmail.com](mailto:knicole44@gmail.com)

**From:** [oooo@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:oooo@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Ken Thomas](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 8:29:09 AM

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Sincerely,

Mr. Ken Thomas

 97212-3563  
[oooo@oooo.com](mailto:oooo@oooo.com)

**From:** [zgarner.23@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:zgarner.23@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Kenzi Garner](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, October 21, 2023 4:01:29 PM

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Dear Public Comment,

A different world is possible. This war can end today. Please hear my voice when I beg to divest from the violence happening in Gaza.

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Sincerely,  
Mx Kenzi Garner

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**From:** [kenzieiwilliams22@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:kenzieiwilliams22@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Kenzie Williams](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 10:32:54 AM

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Sincerely,  
Miss Kenzie Williams

  
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**From:** [kim.j.lepin@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:kim.j.lepin@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Kim Lepin](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Friday, November 3, 2023 6:36:45 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Kim Lepin

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**From:** [kirstenhope24@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:kirstenhope24@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Kirsten Hope](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Friday, November 24, 2023 6:05:04 PM

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Kirsten Hope

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**From:** [kristenmdiederich@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:kristenmdiederich@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Kristen Diederich](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 10:55:39 AM

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Sincerely,  
Miss Kristen Diederich



**From:** [kls0004@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:kls0004@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Kristen Sartor](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 18, 2023 3:33:08 PM

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Dear Public Comment,

I do not want my tax dollars to be going towards murdering children.

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Kristen Sartor

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**From:** [kamayle@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:kamayle@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Kristine Mayle](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 8:41:24 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Kristine Mayle

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**From:** [kylethomasdauria@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:kylethomasdauria@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Kyle D'Auria](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 4:18:27 PM

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Sincerely,

Mr. Kyle D'Auria

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**From:** [staranise114@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:staranise114@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Jyothi Natarajan](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 10:25:49 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Jyothi Natarajan

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**From:** [ktzilla@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:ktzilla@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Kairi Tilden](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, October 21, 2023 8:42:50 PM

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Sincerely,

Mx. Kairi Tilden

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**From:** [karaowens13@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:karaowens13@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Kara Bhullar](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 12:39:50 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Kara Bhullar

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**From:** [karmen@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:karmen@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Karmen Chavez-Sam](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 30, 2023 3:42:34 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Karmen Chavez-Sam

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**From:** [katelynm.mundal@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:katelynm.mundal@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Katelyn Mundal](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 11:41:22 AM

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Sincerely,

Miss Katelyn Mundal

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**From:** [langner.katie@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:langner.katie@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Katie Langer](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 7:10:36 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Katie Langer

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**From:** [mohammedfeley8@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:mohammedfeley8@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Mohammed Felemban](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 11:47:13 AM

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Sincerely,

Mr. Mohammed Felemban

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[mohammedfeley8@gmail.com](mailto:mohammedfeley8@gmail.com)

**From:** [madeleweitman@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:madeleweitman@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Monica Couvrette](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 22, 2023 8:30:04 AM

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Dear Public Comment,

Hey there. I've lived here all my life. Please divest from Israel.

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.


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Sincerely,  
Ms. Monica Couvrette

  
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**From:** [metowle20@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:metowle20@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Morgan Towle](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 31, 2023 12:01:24 PM

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Dear Public Comment,

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

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We ask that the Oregon Investment Council take the following actions:

1. Immediately divest state pension funds from Berkeley Research Group, ending our state's partnership with the firm, and, by extension, NSO Group.
2. Implement a human rights screening for all future state investments, and especially for the public employee pension fund.

A partnership between Oregon and NSO Group should have never existed to begin with, and we demand that the Oregon State Treasury and Oregon Investment Council address this issue immediately. This is not only an argument about ethical investment, but a demand to stop taking this massive financial risk with our investments. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Morgan Towle



**From:** [ncarr2011@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:ncarr2011@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Natalie Carr](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 26, 2023 2:15:31 PM

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Sincerely,  
Ms. Natalie Carr

  
[ncarr2011@hotmail.com](mailto:ncarr2011@hotmail.com)



**From:** [nata.benton@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:nata.benton@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Natasha Benton](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 15, 2023 7:38:25 AM

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Dear Public Comment,

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

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Sincerely,

Ms Natasha Benton

 Portland, OR 97216-4019  
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**From:** [neelyellis@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:neelyellis@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [neely ellis](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 12:00:39 AM

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A partnership between Oregon and NSO Group should have never existed to begin with, and we demand that the Oregon State Treasury and Oregon Investment Council address this issue immediately. This is not only an argument about ethical investment, but a demand to stop taking this massive financial risk with our investments. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Ms. neely ellis

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[neelyellis@gmail.com](mailto:neelyellis@gmail.com)

**From:** [nicolefender95@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:nicolefender95@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Nicole Fender](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Friday, November 17, 2023 4:20:59 PM

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As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Nicole Fender

  
[nicolefender95@gmail.com](mailto:nicolefender95@gmail.com)

**From:** [radfordnina@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:radfordnina@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Nina Radford](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Friday, November 3, 2023 1:04:04 PM

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We ask that the Oregon Investment Council take the following actions:

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2. Implement a human rights screening for all future state investments, and especially for the public employee pension fund.

A partnership between Oregon and NSO Group should have never existed to begin with, and we demand that the Oregon State Treasury and Oregon Investment Council address this issue immediately. This is not only an argument about ethical investment, but a demand to stop taking this massive financial risk with our investments. We cannot support and fund genocide! Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Nina Radford  
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[REDACTED]@gmail.com

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**From:** [nvichayapai@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:nvichayapai@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Nina Vichayapai](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 4, 2023 10:26:33 AM

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As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.


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Sincerely,  
Dr Nina Vichayapai

  
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**From:** [nirmana46@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:nirmana46@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Nirmana Davila](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 19, 2023 2:46:40 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms Nirmana Davila

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**From:** [vernicthe@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:vernicthe@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Nicthe Verdugo](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 10:53:32 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms Nicthe Verdugo

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**From:** [noahbrianclark@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:noahbrianclark@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Noah Clark](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, October 28, 2023 3:17:06 AM

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Sincerely,  
Mr Noah Clark

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**From:** [nolanbp10@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:nolanbp10@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Nolan Plummer](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 5:49:03 PM

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Sincerely,  
Mr. Nolan Plummer

  
nolanbp10@gmail.com

**From:** [latisharico@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:latisharico@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [LaTisha Rico](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 5:49:47 PM

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Sincerely,

Miss LaTisha Rico

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**From:** [bacchus.as.a.girl@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:bacchus.as.a.girl@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Laura Bartram](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 11:32:49 AM

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Sincerely,  
Ms. Laura Bartram



**From:** [releasethatpeach@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:releasethatpeach@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Laura Braun](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 24, 2023 6:21:05 PM

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Sincerely,

Miss Laura Braun

 97211-2710  
[releasethatpeach@gmail.com](mailto:releasethatpeach@gmail.com)

**From:** [nittila@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:nittila@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Laura Nitti](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 5, 2023 5:55:52 PM

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Sincerely,

Mx. Laura Nitti

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[nittila@gmail.com](mailto:nittila@gmail.com)

**From:** [lsullivan3672@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:lsullivan3672@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Lauren Sullivan](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 12:18:32 PM

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Sincerely,  
Ms Lauren Sullivan



**From:** [supermassive@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:supermassive@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Leandro Lopez](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, October 28, 2023 12:01:11 PM

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Sincerely,

Mr. Leandro Lopez

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**From:** [leif.schmit@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:leif.schmit@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Leif Schmit](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 6:03:31 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [leighanalynn@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:leighanalynn@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Leighana Martindale](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 18, 2023 12:06:16 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Leighana Martindale

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**From:** [lala8844@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:lala8844@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Leila Haidari](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 6:24:47 AM

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Dear Public Comment,

As a beneficiary in the public employee retirement system, I am writing to express my strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Leila Haidari

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**From:** [lkavasch@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:lkavasch@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Leslie Kavasch](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 8:55:15 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [lillynnlore2001@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:lillynnlore2001@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Lillynn Lore](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 11:56:28 AM

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Sincerely,

Miss Lillynn Lore

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**From:** [jeremylabls@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:jeremylabls@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [lilu kartmazov](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 3:34:46 AM

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Sincerely,  
Mr. lilu kartmazov



**From:** [polkaparty@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:polkaparty@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [lily hudson](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 2:53:10 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Lily Hudson

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**From:** [stigadottir@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:stigadottir@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [lindsay costello](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 10:50:30 AM

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Sincerely,  
ms. lindsay costello

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**From:** [LKAnderson6@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:LKAnderson6@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Lisa Anderson](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 6:54:28 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Lisa Anderson

 97206-2852  
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**From:** [elizabeth.w.sauer@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:elizabeth.w.sauer@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Liz Sauer](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 4:42:52 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Liz Sauer

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**From:** [lbernardrivas@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:lbernardrivas@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Lucy Bernard](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 7:14:05 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Lucy Bernard

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[lbernardrivas@gmail.com](mailto:lbernardrivas@gmail.com)

**From:** [lydiakiesling@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:lydiakiesling@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Lydia Kiesling](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 12:14:17 PM

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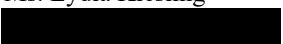
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Sincerely,

Ms. Lydia Kiesling

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**From:** [mcorendurff@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:mcorendurff@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Mack Orendurff](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 9:59:29 PM

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2. Implement a human rights screening for all future state investments, and especially for the public employee pension fund.

A partnership between Oregon and NSO Group should have never existed to begin with, and we demand that the Oregon State Treasury and Oregon Investment Council address this issue immediately. This is not only an argument about ethical investment, but a demand to stop taking this massive financial risk with our investments. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mack Orendurff

, OR 97232  
[mcorendurff@gmail.com](mailto:mcorendurff@gmail.com)

**From:** [peachemae@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:peachemae@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Maggie Mae Rose](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 4, 2023 8:15:14 PM

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Dear Public Comment,

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

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It is your duty to listen to the communities demands. You need to act now.

Sincerely,

Mx. Maggie Mae Rose

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**From:** [maiaewatkins@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:maiaewatkins@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Maia Watkins](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 29, 2023 4:24:44 PM

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Dear Public Comment,

I am a paraeducator in Portland. As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveil and then kill Palestinians.

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Sincerely,

Mx Maia Watkins

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**From:** [marhermsen@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:marhermsen@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Maria Hermsen](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 11:28:47 AM

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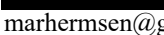
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Sincerely,

Ms. Maria Hermsen

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**From:** [princessparkleface@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:princessparkleface@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Marina Smith](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 6:10:54 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Marina Smith

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**From:** [marisacortright@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:marisacortright@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Marisa Cortright](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 11:05:51 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Marisa Cortright

  
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**From:** [marit.brady@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:marit.brady@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Marit Simmons](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, November 6, 2023 12:17:21 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Marit Simmons

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**From:** [Freewestrock@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:Freewestrock@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Mark Rolofson](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, November 13, 2023 9:07:51 PM

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As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Rolofson

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**From:** [marly.osma.deforest@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:marly.osma.deforest@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Marly Osma de Forest](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 8:15:16 AM

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Dear Public Comment,

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Sincerely,  
Mx. Marly Osma de Forest

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**From:** [matthewc095@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:matthewc095@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Matthew Cruz](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:24:29 PM

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Sincerely,  
Mr. Matthew Cruz



**From:** [mattwmaynard1@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:mattwmaynard1@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Matthew Maynard](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 10:46:48 PM

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Dear Public Comment,

I am an ordinary tax-paying Oregon resident for over 20 years writing to express my strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, West Bank, and all across the territory sovereign to Palestine until it was forcefully, brutally, and violently colonized to create the state of Israel. Their software has been and is currently being used by the Israeli military to surveil and then kill Palestinians.

Oregon's investment in the Berkeley Research Group is highly unethical and is a refusal to listen to the demands of the people who's votes grant you the position of power you hold. You are endangering the well-being of your constituents by investing in financially, legally, and politically risky spyware being used to suppress and kill Palestinian citizens as I write this message. Being financially complicit in Israel's war crimes and human rights violations is both morally and financially irresponsible; the investment of pension funds in an Israeli company that is directly contributing to the genocide of the colonized, indigenous Palestinian people is unforgivable and should be halted immediately.


I ask that the Oregon Investment Council take the following actions:

1. Immediately divest state pension funds from Berkeley Research Group, ending our state's partnership with the firm, and, by extension, NSO Group.
2. Implement a human rights screening for all future state investments, and especially for the public employee pension fund.
3. Publicly and directly acknowledge the investment of funds from Oregon's Public Employee Retirement System in a company that profits from enabling human rights violations and atrocities.

A partnership between Oregon and NSO Group should have never existed to begin with, and we the people who make up and fund the state of Oregon demand that the Oregon State Treasury and Oregon Investment Council address this issue immediately. This is not only an argument about ethical investment and involvement in systematic oppression, but a demand to stop taking this deliberate, morally corrupt financial risk with our tax dollars.

Sincerely,

Mr. Matthew Maynard

  
mattwmaynard1@gmail.com

**From:** [maxbenedict@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:maxbenedict@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Max Benedict](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 9:58:38 PM

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Sincerely,

Mr. Max Benedict

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[maxbenedict@gmail.com](mailto:maxbenedict@gmail.com)

**From:** [maxbernardi123@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:maxbernardi123@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Maxwell Bernardi](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, October 21, 2023 5:20:39 PM

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Sincerely,

Mr. Maxwell Bernardi

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**From:** [mayamcomie@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:mayamcomie@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Maya McOmie](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Friday, October 27, 2023 9:23:08 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms Maya McOmie

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**From:** [maylynkane@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:maylynkane@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Maylyn Kane](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 24, 2023 1:00:30 AM

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Dear Public Comment,

As Oregon taxpayers, many of whom are union members and beneficiaries in the public employee retirement system, we are writing to express our strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group. Last year, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and Oregon AFSCME all approved a resolution to advocate for state divestment from NSO Group, the company that created Pegasus spyware. As has been widely reported, NSO Group provides surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes, enabling grave human rights abuses. Additionally, NSO group, an Israeli company, is currently assisting in facilitating genocide against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, reportedly being used by the Israeli military to surveill and then kill Palestinians.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Maylyn Kane

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**From:** [mekabra@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:mekabra@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Megan Bradley](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Friday, October 27, 2023 5:47:52 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Megan Bradley

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**From:** [maehennessey33@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:maehennessey33@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Megan Hennessey](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 4, 2023 9:22:19 AM

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Dear Public Comment,

I don't support having my taxpayer money going to Israel to help aid in the genocide of Palestinians. Providing Israel with more ways to surveill and kill Palestinians is a disgusting abuse of power. It's becoming more apparent that our government does not care what the people they serve want, which is a ceasefire, and to not support Israel with more investments.

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Sincerely,

Miss Megan Hennessey

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**From:** [megan.m.t@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:megan.m.t@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Megan Taylor](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 11:35:09 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Megan Taylor

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**From:** [mindy.rankin@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:mindy.rankin@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Melinda Strnad](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 5, 2023 7:09:22 AM

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Sincerely,

Dr. Melinda Strnad

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**From:** [moore.meredith5@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:moore.meredith5@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Meredith Moore](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, October 21, 2023 5:04:46 PM

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Sincerely,

Miss Meredith Moore

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**From:** [mickeyd.560@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:mickeyd.560@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Míceal Munroe-Allsup](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, October 28, 2023 2:58:56 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [getlowe81@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:getlowe81@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Michael Lowe](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 1, 2023 9:13:14 AM

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Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Lowe

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**From:** [miriam.j.anastasi@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:miriam.j.anastasi@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Miriam Anastasi](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 4, 2023 4:44:43 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Miriam Anastasi

  
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**From:** [ogoodheart3@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:ogoodheart3@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Olivia Goodheart](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, November 13, 2023 2:20:35 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms Olivia Goodheart

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**From:** [oteka@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:oteka@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Oteka Todd](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 7:39:25 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Oteka Todd

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**From:** [paulineacosta98@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:paulineacosta98@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Pauline Acosta](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 1:21:13 PM

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Sincerely,

Miss Pauline Acosta

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**From:** [angladapedro@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:angladapedro@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Pedro Anglada Cordero](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 1:49:18 PM

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [p.t.vidito@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:p.t.vidito@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Pete Vidito](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 10:00:37 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [phil.viana@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:phil.viana@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Philip Viana](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 1, 2023 8:16:54 PM

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Sincerely,  
Mr Philip Viana  
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**From:** [hilliciavarello@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:hilliciavarello@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Phillipa Ciavarello](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 7:07:45 PM

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Sincerely,  
Ms. Phillipa Ciavarello  
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**From:** [phebsjeebs@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:phebsjeebs@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Phoebe Jean](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 4, 2023 3:34:14 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Phoebe Jean

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[phebsjeebs@gmail.com](mailto:phebsjeebs@gmail.com)

**From:** [rangelbertha@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:rangelbertha@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Bertha Rangel](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 5:01:13 AM

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Sincerely,

Dr. Bertha Rangel

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**From:** [rafague16@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:rafague16@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Rafael Guevara](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 30, 2023 12:29:38 PM

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Sincerely,

Mr. Rafael Guevara

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**From:** [totalpunk45s@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:totalpunk45s@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Rich evans](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Friday, October 27, 2023 6:56:44 AM

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Sincerely,

Mr. Rich evans

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**From:** [jonasbrownspam@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:jonasbrownspam@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Rita Sampson](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 7:22:23 PM

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Sincerely,

Dr. Rita Sampson

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**From:** [roryaspin@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:roryaspin@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Rory Aspin](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 12:50:40 PM

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Sincerely,

Miss Rory Aspin

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**From:** [maxxiam123@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:maxxiam123@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Roxy Light](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 7:10:49 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms Roxy Light

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**From:** [tulipboom3@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:tulipboom3@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Royal Morgan-Dahms](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, November 13, 2023 8:09:27 AM

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Dear Public Comment,

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Sincerely,

Mr. Royal Morgan-Dahms

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[tulipboom3@gmail.com](mailto:tulipboom3@gmail.com)

**From:** [gzstgr4a@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:gzstgr4a@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Ruthie Zieve](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 11:59:23 AM

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Dear Public Comment,

Oregon should not be investing in Israeli Spyware! This technology is used to control the movement and murder Palestinians on their occupied homeland.

The Oregon Investment Council should take the following actions:

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2. Implement a human rights screening for all future state investments, and especially for the public employee pension fund.

This partnership is a shame to the people of Oregon and Palestine, it should never have happened and y'all should take action to end it immediately. No more complicity in Israeli Apartheid!

Sincerely,  
um Ruthie Zieve

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**From:** [rhimaness@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:rhimaness@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Rylan Maness](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 5, 2023 2:14:58 PM

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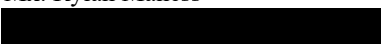
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Sincerely,

Mx. Rylan Maness

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**From:** [ryogokita@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:ryogokita@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Ryo Gokita](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 7:36:21 AM

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Sincerely,

Mr. Ryo Gokita

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**From:** [hannahnafellows@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:hannahnafellows@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Saff Addams](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 1:08:34 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [sagebell7@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:sagebell7@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Sagia Bell](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 29, 2023 9:58:36 AM

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Sincerely,  
Ms Sagia Bell

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**From:** [salarikbutler@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:salarikbutler@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Sam Butler](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 6:03:38 PM

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Sincerely,  
Mr. Sam Butler

  
[salarikbutler@gmail.com](mailto:salarikbutler@gmail.com)

**From:** [whitelaw.sam@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:whitelaw.sam@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [sam whitelaw](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 4:34:39 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [samiiegarcia@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:samiiegarcia@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Samantha Garcia](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 4, 2023 7:58:13 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [samiiegarcia@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:samiiegarcia@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Samantha Ornelas Garcia](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 7, 2023 6:45:31 PM

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Sincerely,

Miss Samantha Ornelas Garcia

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**From:** [smkahuk@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:smkahuk@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Sammy Kahuk](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 10:26:18 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [sandrajeonglane@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:sandrajeonglane@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Sandra Lane](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 10:46:13 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Sandra Lane

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**From:** [saragholt@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:saragholt@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Sara Holt](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 29, 2023 5:00:44 PM

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Sincerely,  
Miss Sara Holt



**From:** [sarahbobara9191@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:sarahbobara9191@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Sarah Amani](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 9:58:56 AM

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Sincerely,

Miss Sarah Amani

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**From:** [sarahnoliva@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:sarahnoliva@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Sarah Oliva](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 26, 2023 6:08:55 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [sarahpavloch@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:sarahpavloch@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Sarah Pavlich](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 4, 2023 9:37:46 PM

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Sincerely,

Dr. Sarah Pavlich

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**From:** [sarahmodenerichmond@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:sarahmodenerichmond@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Sarah Richmond](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 5, 2023 1:03:32 PM

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Sincerely,  
Ms. Sarah Richmond

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**From:** [scarlet.passmore@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:scarlet.passmore@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Scarlet Passmore](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 12:54:21 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Scarlet Passmore

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**From:** [serenasamek@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:serenasamek@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Serena Samek](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 12:14:29 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [shannon.crescence.oleary@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:shannon.crescence.oleary@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Shannon McMullen](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 8:13:07 PM

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Shannon McMullen

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**From:** [nataliadelcampo@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:nataliadelcampo@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Silvia Del Campo](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 11:05:47 AM

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Sincerely,  
Miss Silvia Del Campo

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**From:** [captainjnone@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:captainjnone@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Simone Wood](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 11:50:40 PM

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Sincerely,  
Ms Simone Wood



**From:** [raventratham1@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:raventratham1@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Sky Trantham](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 5:05:24 PM

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Sky Trantham

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**From:** [sofyarachelle@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:sofyarachelle@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Sofya Wilkinson](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Friday, October 27, 2023 7:05:11 PM

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Sincerely,  
ms Sofya Wilkinson

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**From:** [soniaweber900@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:soniaweber900@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Sonia Weber](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 5:10:23 PM

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Sincerely,  
ms Sonia Weber

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**From:** [stephanie.haikyan@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:stephanie.haikyan@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Stephanie Haikyan](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, October 21, 2023 2:15:39 PM

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Sincerely,

Mr. Stephanie Haikyan

  
stephanie haikyan@gmail.com

**From:** [sthorpe16@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:sthorpe16@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Stephen Thorpe](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Friday, November 3, 2023 7:43:43 PM

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Sincerely,  
Mr. Stephen Thorpe

  
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**From:** [phagocytosizesidiocy@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:phagocytosizesidiocy@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Summer E.](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 8:49:02 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Summer E.

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**From:** [suriya.abuelhawa@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:suriya.abuelhawa@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Suriya Abuelhawa](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 8:09:36 PM

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Suriya Abuelhawa

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[suriya.abuelhawa@pcc.edu](mailto:suriya.abuelhawa@pcc.edu)

**From:** [Taylor Carver](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 26, 2023 12:01:40 PM

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As an Oregon taxpayer, I am writing to express my strong objection to the Oregon public pension fund's investment in Novalpina Capital Fund 1, now managed by Berkeley Research Group, the current managers of the private equity firm that owns a majority stake in NSO Group.

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Taylor Carver  
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**From:** [tekiahelzey@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:tekiahelzey@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Tekiah Elzey](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 4:33:04 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [thea\\_abbatoy@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:thea_abbatoy@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Thea Abbato](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Friday, November 3, 2023 10:23:37 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Thea Abbato

  
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**From:** [rhoadest9@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:rhoadest9@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [trisha rhoades](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 5:11:20 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms trisha rhoades

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**From:** [ty\\_volcom@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:ty_volcom@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Tylin Yardas](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Friday, November 10, 2023 11:55:14 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [alpacabomb@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:alpacabomb@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Van Lawson](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 12:00:38 AM

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Sincerely,

Mx. Van Lawson

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**From:** [whitney.handrich@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:whitney.handrich@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Whitney Handrich](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 3:53:56 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Whitney Handrich

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**From:** [willdziuk@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:willdziuk@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Will Dziuk](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 31, 2023 3:51:34 PM

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Sincerely,  
Mx. Will Dziuk

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**From:** [wills054@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:wills054@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Will Lord](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 9:42:06 AM

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Sincerely,  
Mr. Will Lord

  
[wills054@gmail.com](mailto:wills054@gmail.com)

**From:** [daemon2070@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:daemon2070@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Wyatt Elliano](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 9:06:28 AM

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Sincerely,  
Mr. Wyatt Elliano

  
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**From:** [ysabellaportello@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:ysabellaportello@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [ysabella portello](#)  
**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 18, 2023 2:40:21 AM

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**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 8:36:40 PM

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Mrs. Tai Faux

  
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**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 10:01:38 PM

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**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 6:51:54 AM

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**To:** [OIC Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 6:46:48 PM

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Dear Public Comment,

Hello, my name is Tasi Goodell and I am a registered voter and taxpayer Multnomah County.

This call to action may feel small in the face of watching a genocide unfold live on our smartphones, but creating the just world we wish to see starts closest to home. That is why I am calling on you to divest from NSO immediately.

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