From: Julie Oatfield <julingo@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 3:15 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: End Oregon's complicity in the plunder of the Philippines!

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Sincerely,

Julie O

Oregon taxpayer

From: George Penk <george57penk@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 9:34 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Recent public meeting, Mar 6th, 2024

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Oregon Investment Council board,

I attended the recent council meeting and had a few thoughts and concerns after listening to the public testimony.

First, there always appears a disconnect between the fiduciary responsibility to earn the most in returns versus any moral or ethical concerns about where the investment money is placed. And now with human-induced climate issues undeniable, it is even more baffling that the money from workers (PERS employees, state workers, ...) who will benefit from these investments, are being robbed of their future as the planet bakes, through a lack of guts in the investors actions to work for a livable future.

(If you are mandated to disregard ethical issues in your decisions, then maybe it is your responsibility to stand up and make the ethical choice. Your powerful action might get you removed from the position, but your message and leadership would have an important ripple effect!).

Second, regarding the issues on investments that harm workers and communities but give strong investment returns, again ethics is in our face. I was unaware of where my retirement money went when I taught in PPS for 33 years, (yes, I bear some responsibility for my ignorance) but most workers would not want their retirement security to rest on the backs of abused and harmed communities. Investing in companies that benefit from the exploitation of indigenous communities such as what happens in the Philippines especially under oppressive regimes should also not be allowed. Your investment mandates may not allow you to make decisions based on how people are treated, but it should. And I hope your sense of justice will influence your choices.

Please don't brush larger issues aside as if they are not part of your job. I benefit from a PERS retirement but it grieves me to know that my extra level of security comes at a cost to my own children. I am hoping you can equate your actions with the future you are giving your children and grandchildren. Please stand up for larger issues as you are affecting many more people for years to come.

George Penk Chemistry teacher Ida B Wells, 33 years Retired in 2017 From: liammail18@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Malik Kremba liammail18

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2024 10:55 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group

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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,		
Mr.	Malik	Kremba

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From: David Labby <labby.oregon@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 7:57 PM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** March 5 testimony

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

My name is David Labby. I am a Divest Oregon volunteer and and PERS beneficiary

We hope that the OIC will follow up on the question Chair Samples asked after the Net Zero Plan presentation last month: If the Net Zero plan only deals with emissions risk, isn't it overlooking the risks to returns from the physical impacts of climate change? Shouldn't Treasury also look at the impact on investments due to changes in the natural system from global warming, such as sea level rise or the increase in severe weather events – and not just emissions?

You may recall that the ORTEC Climate Scan report called out managing such physical risks, along with creating a NetZero emissions strategy, as one of their 4 recommendations for mitigating climate financial risk.

ORTEC provided a preliminary physical risk analysis for the OPERF portfolio based on the regional impacts of physical climate risk, evaluating risk drivers such as whether a country is closer to the equator and more greatly impacted by increased temperature, whether they are more or less at risk for decreasing land, labor and industrial productivity, or whether they have a lower economic capacity to buffer extreme weather losses. Their detailed regional analyses are included in their report.

In general, ORTEC projected that the longer it takes for globally coordinated action on climate, the more disruptive it will be for markets, with physical risks becoming the main contributor to climate financial risk. In their worst failed transition scenario, they projected significant impacts on OPERF's portfolio returns by the 2030s and a 20% reduction of returns by 2060. More alarming, they state that QUOTE "the physical risk impacts are likely understated."

As the OIC considers the Net Zero plan, we hope that you will take a broader view of climate risk, as Chair Samples suggested, and include a review of ORTEC's physical risk analyses. The ORTEC report was described as one of the foundations behind the NET Zero Plan and in many ways provides a more comprehensive view of climate financial risk.

OIC has statutory responsibility for the Oregon Treasury's "objectives, policy and procedures." One of ORTEC's key recommendations was to "embed climate change

analysis at every level of risk analysis and decision-making along the investment process."

We urge the OIC to follow this important recommendation and codify in policy with something like the following:

All investment decisions should include a climate change risk analysis both in terms of transition risk -- or sudden repricing of assets as the market reacts to climate disruption – **and** in terms of the physical risks as we accelerate toward critical environmental tipping points.

You have acknowledged that climate change is a threat to OPERF returns. It is now up to the OIC to take the lead in protecting the pensions of state employees from the threats of climate change by setting new policy to address that threat.

Thank you.

From: everyon3 <allofush3r3@aol.com>
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Boeing.

Sincerely, Avalon , Oregon tax payer SURJ member **From:** sthorpe16@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stephen Thorpe <sthorpe16

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 12:01 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

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Sincerely,	
Mr. Stephen Thorpe	
	, OR 97222-6728 sthorpe16@gmail.com

From: lisajamesbennett@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lisa Bennett

lisajamesbennett@evervactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, March 4, 2024 1:58 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

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Sincerely,	
Ms. Lisa Bennett	
	, OR 97219-7251 lisajamesbennett@gmail.com

From: Sarah Singer <Sarah.Singer@letter.stand.earth>

Sent: Monday, March 4, 2024 11:12 AM

To: LARRIEU Philip

Subject: Will you tackle the climate crisis and reduce your pension fund portfolio's climate risk?

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Thank you for your time, Sarah Singer

From: Harmony Eberhardt <hj.eberhardt@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, March 4, 2024 9:07 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

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Sincerely,

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From: Stephanie Poletis <Stephanie.Poletis@letter.stand.earth>

Sent: Sunday, March 3, 2024 6:10 PM

To: LARRIEU Philip

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Thank you for your time, Stephanie Poletis

From: Cindy Pagliuzza <Cindy.Pagliuzza@letter.stand.earth>

Sent: Saturday, March 2, 2024 7:42 PM

To: LARRIEU Philip

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Thank you for your time, Cindy Pagliuzza **From:** Sydney Pitcher <Sydney.Pitcher@letter.stand.earth>

Sent: Saturday, March 2, 2024 5:16 PM

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Thank you for your time, Sydney Pitcher From: amanda.beach430@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amanda Orozco

<amanda.beach430@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Friday, March 1, 2024 9:06 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group

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OR 97080-7932

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From: carmencamachoplatas@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carmen Camacho-Platas

<carmencamachoplatas@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 7:12 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Carmen Camacho-Platas

, OR 97302-1569 carmencamachoplatas@gmail.com

From: bdcw@comcast.net

Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 1:51 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: End Oregon's complicity in the plunder of The Philippines

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Members of the Oregon Investment Council, it is high time to end America's violation of the Philippines, and Oregon's complicity in it.

I'm writing in support of Kalikasan Solidarity Organization's demands that the Oregon Treasury divest from Oceanagold, Tesla, Teleperformance, JP Morgan Chase, and Boeing, all of which are complicit in egregious human rights, environmental, and labor abuses in the Philippines. Mark Twain caught on to what America and American companies were up to in the Philippines a century and a quarter ago, and not much has changed since then. ("I have seen that we do not intend to free, but to subjugate the people of the Philippines."... Mark Twain, 1900)

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As an Oregon taxpayer—with a grandchild who is part Filipino, and with an ongoing concern about America's theft of resources, degradation of the environment and abuse of indigenous people in The Philippines— I reiterate the demand that the Oregon Investment Council immediately divest all assets from the following corporations: Oceanagold, Tesla, Teleperformance, JP Morgan Chase, and Boeing.

Sincerely,

Robert Wilson



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Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 1:24 PM

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Kai

From: Susan Palmiter <spalmiter@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 9:16 AM

To: OIC Public Comments
Cc: Jenifer Schramm

Subject: OIC Public Testimony from Susan Palmiter

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My name is Susan Palmiter, co-lead of the Divest Oregon coalition. I'd like to first announce that the COAL Act (HB 4083) has passed the legislature and is awaiting Governor Kotek's signature. We want to publicly thank Treasurer Read for working with the bill's sponsor, Rep Khanh Pham, and for his support at the House Committee hearing. We feel it's a powerful kick start to the Treasurer's net-zero plan.

Today is college day with Divest Oregon's testimony. You will hear from 2 academics and 2 students.

The first speaker, Harvard Law School professor John Coates, addresses important issues raised by the rise of big private equity in his 2023 book, "The Problem of 12 – When a Few Financial Institutions Control Everything."

According to Professor Coates, private equity secrecy creates deep deficits in its legitimacy and its accountability. According to Professor Coates QUOTE

Part of the difficulty of determining whether private equity firms add value is precisely because they are private: it is hard to get data on their performance, so, compared to index funds, relatively few researchers have attempted to examine their investment performance rigorously, and those few attempts remain tentative and hard to replicate or validate. As a result, no general consensus exists that private equity is currently adding value for even its own investors overall, much less for society as a whole. Yet large institutions continue to invest in private equity funds. UNQUOTE

What does this mean when a pension fund sets out on a Net Zero program? John Coates will address this question.

He is the John F. Cogan Professor of Law and Economics at Harvard Law School. He teaches corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, finance, and related subjects. He served as General Counsel and as Acting Director for the Division of Corporation Finance for the SEC. He was a partner at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, specializing in financial institutions and mergers and acquisitions. He has testified before Congress, and advised the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Department of Treasury, and the New York Stock Exchange.

His video is 3 minutes and 30 seconds. I cede my extra 30 seconds to him.

From: M Egan <M.Egan@letter.stand.earth>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 9:42 AM

To: LARRIEU Philip

Subject: Will you tackle the climate crisis and reduce your pension fund portfolio's climate risk?

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Thank you for your time, M Egan

From: Dora Aggelaki < Dora. Aggelaki@letter.stand.earth>

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 3:50 AM

To: LARRIEU Philip

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Thank you for your time, Dora Aggelaki From: Jvp Pdx <jvppdx@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2024 8:33 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Public Comment in Support of Kalikasan's Demands for Divestment

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

The Portland chapter of Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) supports the Kalikasan Solidarity Organization's demands that the Oregon Treasury divest from Boeing, JP Morgan Chase, Oceanagold, Teleperformance, and Tesla for the role these corporations are playing In egregious human rights, environmental, and labor abuses in the Philippines.

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As an advisory body to the Oregon Treasury, we urge the Oregon Investment Council to recommend that the Treasury put the rights of people and the planet above the short-term profits of abusive corporations. We also believe violations of human rights in the Philippines are in essence the same as Israel's violations of Palestinian human rights, which is why we continue to urge you to stop investing directly in Israel through Israeli bonds and indirectly through investments in corporations complicit in Israel's war crimes, including its illegal occupation of Palestinian land.

Yours,

The Portland chapter of Jewish Voice for Peace

From: ggcanaday@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gloria canaday

<ggcanaday@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2024 11:12 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

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Sincerely,	
Ms. Gloria canaday	
	97202-6025 ggcanaday@gmail.com

From: Christopher Lish < Christopher.Lish@letter.stand.earth>

Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2024 7:52 AM

To: LARRIEU Philip

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Thank you for your time, Christopher Lish From: Laura Scherry <Laura.Scherry@letter.stand.earth>

Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 12:54 PM

To: LARRIEU Philip

Subject: Will you tackle the climate crisis and reduce your pension fund portfolio's climate risk?

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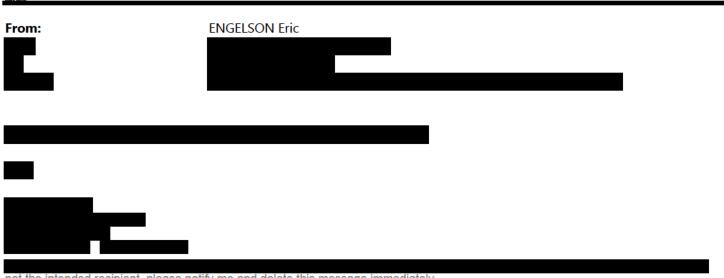
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Thank you for your time, Laura Scherry



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From: Aliénor Dahmen <alienordahmen@yahoo.fr>

Sent: Friday, March 29, 2024 11:54 AM

To: PERS Media * PERS < PERS. Media@pers.oregon.gov >

Subject: Advocating for Climate-Conscious Proxy Voting Practices at OPERF

You don't often get email from alienordahmen@yahoo.fr. Learn why this is important

Dear Oregon Public Employees Retirement Fund (OPERF) Team,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen and beneficiary, deeply invested in how our collective future is shaped by the actions taken today to address climate change. It has become increasingly clear that pension funds, as major investors, hold significant sway over corporate behaviors through proxy voting. This tool is paramount in steering companies towards more sustainable and environmentally friendly practices.

The recent report "The Hidden Risk in State Pensions: Analyzing State Pensions' Responses to the Climate Crisis in Proxy Voting," underscores a critical oversight in this area. It reveals a pressing need for pension funds to rigorously apply their proxy voting power to safeguard against climate-related financial risks. Your fund, according to this report, received grades that highlight areas needing immediate attention to align your investment actions with the urgency of the climate crisis.

Given the extensive assets under management, your decisions have a profound impact not only on financial markets but also on the global effort to mitigate climate change. The proxy voting guidelines, your voting record, and the transparency of these actions are pivotal in this regard. Unfortunately, the report's findings indicate that much work remains to be done to elevate your response to the climate challenge to the level of ambition required.

Climate change poses a systemic risk that affects all sectors and geographies. As fiduciaries, pension funds have a responsibility to protect their beneficiaries from these risks. This not only involves ensuring the financial sustainability of the funds but also contributing to the broader sustainability of the planet and society that your beneficiaries will retire into.

I urge you to:

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Increase transparency about your proxy voting records and guidelines. Beneficiaries deserve to know how their funds are being used to combat climate change and ensure long-term sustainability.

Actively support climate resolutions during shareholder meetings. Your vote can drive corporate change towards reducing emissions, increasing renewable energy use, and adopting sustainable practices.

The stewardship role of pension funds in the era of climate change is not just about avoiding risk; it's about seizing the opportunity to lead a just transition to a sustainable economy. Your actions today will define the legacy of your fund and its contribution to a livable planet for current and future generations.

I look forward to seeing OPERF adopt a leadership position by taking concrete steps to address these issues. The decisions you make can significantly influence the course of climate action and sustainable development.

Warm regards,

https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/default/files/2024-01/Hidden-Risks-State-Pensions-Report.pdf

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From: timoteofrantziss@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Timo Ledwith

<timoteofrantziss@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 4:21 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

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From: Nicole Henderson < Nicole.Henderson@letter.stand.earth>

Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 6:02 PM

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Thank you for your time, Nicole Henderson From: Ann Habafy <annlhabafy@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 4:49 PM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** de-invest in Israel

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Very truly yours,

Ann L. Habafy

Portland, OR 97205

From: sophia douglas <sophiadouglas02@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 5:00 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: No More Investment in Israel Bonds

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Yours sincerely.

Barbara Sophia Douglas

Portland OR 97232

From: Catherine Carroll <ccarrollor@gmail.com>

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Fairview, OR 97024

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"The miracle is not to walk on water but on the earth."
---- Thich Nhat Hanh

From: Linda S Craig <lindacraigpdx@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 7:37 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Please don't invest in bonds that support Israel

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Oregon Investment Council, Oregon Treasurer:

The extent to which Israel has retaliated against Gaza in unconscionable, and I don't want Oregon money to go to support Israel's infrastructure until they decide to behave in a more humanitarian fashion.

I ask that you reinvest the bonds that support Israel through AID in some other investment, and boycott Israeli investments until such time as they stop their genocide against the Palestinian people.

Thank you.

Linda Craig Portland, OR From: mirandajadekennedy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Miranda Kennedy

<mirandajadekennedy@evervactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 10:45 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group

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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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Sincerely,	
Mx. Miranda Kennedy	
	, OR 97202-3079 mirandajadekennedy@gmail.com

From: Rod Such <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 1:49 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do Not Reinvest in AID Israel

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Rod Such rodsuch@gmail.com

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From: terry.emilie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Emilie Terry

<terry.emilie@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 3:15 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

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Sincerely,	
Ms. Emilie Terry	
	, OR 97086-8501 terry.emilie@gmail.com

From: sam muller <globaleye2000@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:48 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: STOP OREGON INVESTMENT IN ISRAELI BONDS

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

OREGONIANS IN MORAL OUTRAGE OVER NET-IN-YAHOO'S CRIMINAL ACTIONS IN GAZA! DIVEST ALL INVESTMENTS!

From: Judith Lienhard <judith.lienhard1956@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 6:26 PM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** stop investing in AID Israel

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Yours.

Judith Lienhard, 4455 SW 94th Ave, Portland Oregon 97225 retired RN and military veteran.

From: Katharine S <kmsprecher@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 6:45 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Please Do Not Reinvest in Aid for Genocide

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Yours, Katharine Sprecher From: Eva Miller <evabmiller@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 6:58 PM

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Thank you,

Eva Miller 97211

Eva Miller She/her/hers From: Charlotte Gund <charlotte.gund@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:56 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Reinvesting in Israel is Wrong

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Yours. Charlotte Buhr-Gund

Portland, OR 97206

From: Kenzi Garner <kenzifgarner@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 8:19 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Divest From Israel, Free Palestine

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Yours.	
Kenzi Garner	
	, OR, 97217

From: Kami Sahalie <kami.gould@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 8:49 PM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Divest from Genocide

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Sincerely, Kami Gould

Multnomah County Portland, Oregon

From: Lucy Bernard < lbernardrivas@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 3:50 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: For the love of God and humanity, please, No investment in Israel

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Sincerely,

Lucy Bernard

Portland OR 97212

From: Kristin Edmark < kristinedmark@hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 10:06 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Please accept my comments to the April 17, 2024 OIC meeting

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Comments to the April 17th OIC meeting from Kristin Edmark, concerned citizen.

Congratulations on your sustainability plan. Thank you. Please act as quickly as possible and please also act on investments which promote fossil fuel use.

We need to act more quickly. Please review the Ortec reports. Every year delay means Oregon returns are lower than if fossil fuels are dropped. Every year delay puts us closer to what Ortec calls a "Failed transition" with the severe impacts on the world and Oregon's investments including Ortec forecasts of 63% lower US GDP by 2100, by "2037 OPERF's portfolio value . . . is significantly down compared to an orderly low-carbon transition, and "By 2060 your asset portfolio is expected to c.20% lower than baseline." (Ortec Climate Maps Scan Report p3) Investor decisions affect the nation and the world. Janet Yellen said last year that "climate change is already having a major economic and financial impact on the United States that could trigger asset value losses in the future that may "cascade through the U.S. financial system..."

https://carbontracker.org/treasury-sec-warns-of-systemic-risk-to-u-s-financial-system-posed-by-climate-change-echoing-tracker-predictions/

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Systemic harm to the economy and investments is also promoted by investments in the banks, private equity companies and others which fund fossil fuel development. Those with fossil fuel assets are accelerating extraction before the large imminent drop in prices.

Dirty Dozen Private Equity 2022: The Blackstone Group, The Carlyle group including NGP, KKR, ArcLight Capital Partners, Apollo Global Management, Ares Management, Global Infrastructure Partners, Kayne Anderson/Plains All American Pipeline, Oaktree Capital/Brookfield, Warburg Pincus, Riverstone, Encap. A report February 2022 shows the 12 companies most invested in fossil fuel expansion and the local harm they are causing to communities. These private equity companies are inappropriate for pensions because they are long-term during a time of energy transition and difficult to exit, have high fees, are opaque, can change underlying investments, have high numbers of lawsuits, human rights violations, fines, and slow the transition to clean energy.

https://pestakeholder.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/PESP_LS_PrivateEquityDirtyDozen_Feb2022-Final.pdf 6/30/2021, OPERS had \$5,267,441,164 invested with these 12 worst private equity companies.

Dirty Dozen Banks 2021: JP Morgan, Citi. Wells Fargo, Bank of America, RBC, MUFG, Barclays, Mizuho, TD Toronto Dominion, BNP Paribas, Scotiabank, Morgan Stanley

<u>Dirty Dozen Banks https://reclaimfinance.org/site/en/2021/03/24/baking-climate-chaos-fossil-fuel-finance-report-2021</u> "In the 5 years since the Paris agreements, the world's biggest 60 banks have financed fossil fuel to the tune of \$3.9 trillion" www.bankingonclimatechaos.org. Commercial banks provided loans and underwriting services worth over \$1.5 trillion to companies on the Coal Exit List between Jan 2019 and November 2021. Finance Research | Global Coal Exit Listhttps://coalexit.org/finance-research

6/30/2021 Oregon had \$3,656,279,057 invested with the 12 banks identified as having funded the most new fossil fuel projects in 2020.

The following are excerpts from a IEEFA report"

Passive Investing in a Warming World, IEEFA Ching & Cohn

https://ieefa.org/sites/default/files/2024-02/Passive%20Investing%20in%20a%20Warming%20World February%202024.pdf

"Key Findings:

- * The energy transition is beginning to leave an imprint on equity markets. Fossil fuels, once a primary driver of index returns and economic growth, are **becoming an increasingly risky** and speculative part of passive equity portfolios.
- * Over the last decade, shedding oil, gas, and coal has proven a winning financial strategy even taking the recent energy crisis into account. As the sector's historic value thesis erodes, a few high-profit quarters have been unable to reverse a decade of underperformance.
- * The passive investment landscape is starting to reflect this shift. In recent years, equity indices with reduced fossil fuel exposure have proliferated, passed major funds' prudence tests, and been adopted without significant transaction costs.
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Page 14:" Performance Is Sound Even Net of Fees; Indices Are Passing Fiduciary Tests In a review of the fund's coal divestment policies commissioned by the California Public Employees Retirement System, investment consulting firm Wilshire concluded that the transaction costs associated with shedding coal could be "considered negligible." (CalPERS. Five Year Divestment Review. March 15, 2021)

A review of fossil fuel divestment performed by **BlackRock for three of New York City's pension plans** found that divestment would have "**relatively minimal**" **impact on transaction costs**. Meketa Investment Group independently concurred, noting that "in our opinion, transaction costs would not likely be an overriding determinant in [a] divestment decision." (BlackRock. Investment and Fiduciary Analysis for Potential Fossil Fuel Divestment, Phase 3. 2020. Also: Meketa. Options for Prudent Divestment from Fossil Fuel Reserve Owners. 2020. Also: IEEFA. Major investment advisors BlackRock and Meketa provide a fiduciary path through the energy transition. March 22, 2021.

In a report for the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, pension consultant **NEPC** projected that the implementation costs of divestment across public equities would be on the order of 1-3 basis points (0.01-0.03%)—a quantity dwarfed by the outperformance of fossil-free portfolios over the past decade."

Page 23: The Long-Term Outlook for Fossil Fuels

"One of the main consumers of fossil fuels in the United States is transportation. Yet ExxonMobil CEO Darren Woods expects electric vehicles to dominate passenger vehicle sales by 2040. The second-largest sector is electric power. A shift here, too, is evident: The U.S. is on track to close half its coal capacity by 2026, and in recent years, utilities have invested in 9 megawatts of new solar and wind for each new megawatt of gas power. Decarbonization is also at work in the industrial (such as via green metallurgical processes) and residential/commercial (such as via the spread of heat pumps) sectors. To summarize a broader discussion in IEEFA's 2022 report Two Economies Collide..:

- *Physical risk: Much of the oil industry's physical assets lie in flood-prone areas. ...
- Asset risk: ... unexpected and premature impairment becomes a source of significant financial instability.
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- Regulatory risk: A patchwork of policy responses ...
- Geopolitical risk: ...profitability has become reliant on a ... The commodity price..."

From: Coy & Co. <coyandco@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 11:29 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Portland Business Owner Public Comment: Divest from Israel

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Sincerely, Lynsea Coy

Portland, OR 97214

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Lynsea Coy (she/her) Owner Coy & Co. Curatorial Floral Portland, OR 97214 coyandco@gmail.com @coy_and_co www.coycopdx.com From: Paul Reid <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 12:03 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do Not Reinvest in AID Israel

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Paul Reid finedesign@gmail.com

Portland, Oregon 97227

From: Alyssa Burge <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

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Alyssa Burge alyssaruthburge@gmail.com

Scotts Mills, Oregon 97375

From: Dianne Eckstein <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 12:12 PM

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Dianne Eckstein deckstein16@gmail.com

South Beach, Oregon 97366

From: Deb Solheim <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 12:18 PM

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Deb Solheim
deborahsolheim@gmail.com

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From: Jennifer Kain <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 12:23 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

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Jennifer Kain jchokain@gmail.com

From: Theo Khoury <tkhoury@pdx.edu>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 12:26 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do Not Reinvest in AID Israel

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Theo Khoury tkhoury@pdx.edu

Portland, Oregon OR

From: Alexis McCauslin <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 12:36 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do Not Reinvest in AID Israel

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Alexis McCauslin alexis.b.mcc@gmail.com

Portland, Oregon 97266-1922

From: Leah Velez <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 12:37 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

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As a Jewish Usian with family who died in the Shoah, I demand that Oregon does better. Divest from this horror.

Leah Velez velezlab2@gmail.com

Portland, Oregon 97210

From: Rubi Vergara-Grindell <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 12:55 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

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Rubi Vergara-Grindell rubivergaragrindell@gmail.com

Portland, Oregon 97211

From: Taylor Feldman <tay.feldman@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 1:01 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: AID Israel

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Thank you,

Taylor Feldman

Portland OR 97217

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From: Emily Goldberg <ehbgoldberg@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 1:07 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: U.S. Government Bond Concern

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A recent <u>study</u> issued by the U.S. Congressional Research Service makes clear that loan guarantees provided to Israel by AID are in effect "fungible" and give Israel the ability to budget other funds for munitions used to carry out the genocide. The study noted that at least 10 U.S. senators have demanded that the State Department investigate whether Israel's use of U.S. aid has violated the Leahy amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act, which prohibits the use of U.S funding for ongoing human rights violations.

For all of these reasons, and because four leading human rights organizations, including Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, have found that Israel is an apartheid state, I urge you to formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits the state of Israel.

Yours, Emily Goldberg , OR 97213 From: Connie Harvison <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 1:33 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do Not Reinvest in AID Israel

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Connie Harvison konikosan@pm.me

Portland, Oregon 97202

From: Kim Davis <kimmardav@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 1:39 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: U.S. government bond is a bad investment

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I am deeply concerned the International Court of Justice recently found "plausible" evidence that Israel is carrying out a genocide in Gaza. The Court issued a number of provisional measures designed to halt this genocide, but Israel has systematically ignored the Court's mandate. Israel's bombings, drone, tank, artillery and sniper attacks in Gaza have killed more than 32,000 Palestinians, who were overwhelmingly civilians, and mostly women and children. Other reports by respected humanitarian organizations and United Nations agencies say that another 7,000 people reported as missing are likely buried under the rubble of Gaza's buildings. 80% percent of the housing stock has been destroyed.

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Γhank you.

Salem, OR

Kim Davis

From: Jeremy Smith <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 1:52 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do Not Reinvest in AID Israel

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Jeremy Smith
Jeremybeausoleil97@gmail.com

Portland, Oregon 97201

From: Lydia Kiesling <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 1:59 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

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Lydia Kiesling lydiakiesling@gmail.com

Portland, Oregon 97215

From: Valerie Aeona <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 2:03 PM

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Valerie Aeona valeriequinn1518@gmail.com

Portland, Oregon 97209

From: Nico Gouveia <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 2:14 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

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Nico Gouveia nicolaug1@gmail.com From: Ashleigh Brantingham <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 2:56 PM

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Ashleigh Brantingham aabrantingham@gmail.

Portland, Oregon 97220-4848

From: Vienna Martin <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 3:05 PM

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Vienna Martin viennathewind@gmail.com

Beaverton, Oregon 97008

From: Morgan Brownlee <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 3:14 PM

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Morgan Brownlee morgbrownlee@gmail.com

Gig harbor, Washington 98329

From: Mike Weaver <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 3:15 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do NOT Reinvest in AID Israel!!

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Mike Weaver trolanweaver@gmail.com

Otis, Oregon 97268

From: Lin Trolan <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 3:19 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

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Oregon Investment Council,

members of the Oregon Investment Council,

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Lin Trolan Itrolan@yahoo.com

Salem, Oregon 97301

From: Amy Ruff <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 3:57 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

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Amy Ruff aruff23@gmail.com

Portland, Oregon 97202-4042

From: Matthew DiBattista <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 4:37 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

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Dear esteemed members of the Oregon Investment Council,

I trust this email finds you well.

I am writing to bring to your attention a matter of significant concern regarding the upcoming maturity of a U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund, amounting to \$30.5 million, scheduled for April 26.

It has come to my attention that this bond is currently held under the name of AID Israel, which serves as a guarantor for loans to the state of Israel. Given recent developments and findings, I urge you to carefully reconsider reinvesting these funds.

Of particular concern is the recent ruling by the International Court of Justice, also known as the World Court, which found credible evidence suggesting ongoing genocide in Gaza, perpetrated by Israel. Despite the Court's directives to cease such actions, Israel has continued its military operations, resulting in a devastating loss of civilian lives, predominantly women and children.

Reports from credible sources, including Oregon's own Senator Jeff Merkley, highlight the dire humanitarian situation in Gaza, exacerbated by Israel's obstruction of aid deliveries and insufficient provision of humanitarian assistance, as noted in the recent unanimous findings of the World Court.

Moreover, a comprehensive study by the U.S. Congressional Research Service underscores that financial support provided to Israel, including through AID, enables the diversion of resources towards activities that contribute to the perpetuation of human rights violations.

In light of these troubling revelations, compounded by the findings of leading human rights organizations classifying Israel as an apartheid state, I respectfully urge you to refrain from

reinvesting the maturing bond in AID Israel or any financial instrument benefiting the state of Israel. Doing so would risk the Oregon Treasury being complicit in abetting genocide and apartheid.

I trust that you will give careful consideration to this matter, recognizing the gravity of the situation and the moral imperative to take principled action.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent issue.

Warm regards,

Matthew DiBattista

Matthew DiBattista matthew.dibattista@gmail.com

Portland, Oregon 97229-9417

From: Charlie Johansen <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 5:13 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

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Charlie Johansen charliejohansen413@gmail.com

From: Pamela Pauly <sbpp@rockisland.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 5:22 PM

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Pamela Pauly sbpp@rockisland.com

Lopez Island, Washington 98261

From: Nic Francisco <nicfran@pdx.edu>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 5:39 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do Not Reinvest in AID Israel

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Nic Francisco nicfran@pdx.edu

Portland, Oregon 97217

From: Aiden Summers <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 5:44 PM

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Aiden Summers thatfencerdude@gmail.com

Portland, Oregon 97202

From: Helena Birecki <helenaster@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 5:48 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Maturing 30.5 million Oregon Treasury Short-Term Fund: please redirect investment

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I am especially concerned because the International Court of Justice, also known as the World Court, recently found plausible evidence that Israel is currently carrying out a genocide in Gaza. The Israeli government has systematically ignored the Court's provisional measures designed to halt this slide toward genocide, and have also ignored the UN Resolution for ceasefire that was passed by the Security Council.

At this writing, Israel's "indiscriminate" bombing of Gaza-- a description used by U.S. President Joe Biden-- along with drone,tank, artillery and sniper attacks have killed more than 32,000 Palestinians in Gaza, who were overwhelmingly civilians and more than 40% children. Other reports by respected humanitarian organizations and United Nations agencies say that another 7,000 people reported as missing are likely buried under the rubble of Gaza's buildings where 80 percent of the housing stock has been destroyed. More yet are facing starvation.

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When this \$30.5 million bond matures, please redirect the funds to invest in one of the many solid return-providing investments that do not facilitate humanitarian disasters.

I support Israeli civilians and Palestinian civilians and any people who want decent lives for themselves and their families.

However, at this juncture, the State of Israel is investing in illegal actions that are destroying civilian lives and civilian neighborhoods.

You rightly would not invest in a bond that would support Hamas because of their hateful rhetoric and crimes against humanity.

Similarly, you should not re-invest in a bond that supports the current destructive Israeli regime-Oregon investors should not be made complicit.

Sincerely, Helena Birecki Neskowin, Oregon **From:** annie capestany <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 6:59 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do Not Reinvest in AID Israel

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annie capestany cabeckstany@gmail.com

portland, Oregon 97202

From: Emily Paddon <emilyapaddon@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 9:35 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Public comment regarding aid to Israel

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Yours.

Emily Paddon

Portland, OR 97225

Sent from my iPhone

From: Saff Addams <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 11:00 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

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Saff Addams
saffronaddams@gmail.com

Beaverton, Oregon 97007-4707

From: Meghan Smith <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 11:39 PM

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Meghan Smith meggles0229@gmail.com

Portland, Oregon 97236-7703

From: Nia Harris <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 12:34 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

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In solidarity with all oppressed peoples everywhere, Nia Harris

Nia Harris niaharris316@icloud.com

Portland, Oregon 97202

From: Justine Johansen <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 1:43 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

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Justine Johansen bugjustine@gmail.com

Portland, OR, Oregon 97233

From: Darren Mitton < Darren.Mitton@letter.stand.earth>

Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 7:06 AM

To: LARRIEU Philip

Subject: Will you tackle the climate crisis and reduce your pension fund portfolio's climate risk?

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Dear Philip Larrieu,

On January 23rd, Sierra Club, Stand.earth, and Stop the Money Pipeline released a first-of-its-kind report, "The Hidden Risk in State Pensions". This report analyzes and grades the proxy voting guidelines and past voting power of major public state pension funds in states where a state financial officer is a member of For the Long Term, a network that advocates for more sustainable, just, and inclusive firms and markets and strives to protect markets against climate risk.

Each fund received a scorecard as well as a detailed roadmap to protecting members and their investments from climate risks.

It is crucial to note that the analysis found that no public pension in the country is doing enough to tackle the climate crisis and reduce the climate risk in its portfolio.

Public pensions control about \$4 trillion in assets and are the longest term investors in the world. And each year during AGM season, pensions should use that money to cast votes on climate- and fossil fuel-related shareholder resolutions and corporate director elections. Unfortunately, far too many, even in progressive cities and states, are regularly voting against climate action. This includes opposing climate action at many banks, insurance companies and asset managers.

This report can help you shield your beneficiaries from growing climate- and environment-related financial risks. I heartily encourage you to check out this new report that discusses how pensions can live up to their fiduciary duty & climate commitments by updating their proxy voting guidelines and vote in line with climate this spring.

The full report can be read at: https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fstand.earth%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2024%2F01%2FThe-Hidden-Risk-in-State-Pensions-

Report.pdf&data=05%7C02%7COIC.PublicComments%40ost.state.or.us%7C2b28cd549cdd4dd3433908dc5579ae3f%7C9123ae20585d446aabd650dad4c7c1d5%7C0%7C0%7C638479228313771462%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C20000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=6bBgw8H8M66NnJx1Wo4pPkdAQtRWpPLpMNLcxljM9cY%3D&reserved=0

Thank you for your time, Darren Mitton From: Ray Quisenberry <rayquisenberry@centurylink.net>

Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 7:55 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Oregon Treasury Short Term Fund

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To the members of the Oregon Investment Council

I'm writing today to ask that you do not reinvest any of the funds in the Oregon Treasury Short Term Bond Fund with the bond holder AID Israel. This money could very well be used either directly in the genocide in Gaza, or free up other monies for this purpose. I don't want my tax dollars used to murder innocent Palestinian people that have no where to hide from the Israeli bombs, and are being starved to death by Israeli actions. We need to send a strong message to the Israeli government that slaughtering people to seize their land has to end! We need to make a moral stand, and say no more money to apartheid, murderous regimes. Not in my name. Not with my money!

Thank you Ray Quisenberry

Sent from my iPad

From: James Renola <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 10:24 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do Not Reinvest in AID Israel

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Sincerely,

James Renola 2219 NE 44th Ave, Portland, OR 97213

James Renola jrenola17@gmail.com

Portland, Oregon 97214-5842

From: Laura Nitti <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 10:33 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

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Laura Nitti nittila@gmail.com

Portland, Oregon 97220

From: Abi Santiago <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 10:44 AM

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Abi Santiago abigailmsanti@gmail.com

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From: peter addy <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 11:22 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

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Portland, Oregon 97218

From: Jonathan Frochtzwajg <jfrochtzwajg@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 11:23 AM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Disinvest from AID Israel

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Frochtzwajg Portland, OR From: Jax Pawlak <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 11:24 AM

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From: Helga Wyns <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

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Helga Wyns Helga.wyns@gmail.com

Leuven, Vlaanderen 3000

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Joy Damiani joydamiani8@gmail.com

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From: Alex Meyer <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 11:52 AM

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Alex Meyer alexandmeyer1@gmail.com

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Jason Worth worthj228@gmail.com

From: Aino Siltala <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

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Aino Siltala ainoevaelisabethsiltala@gmail.com

Stuttgart, Baden-Württemberg 70195

From: Samah Addan <saaqo@hotmail.co.uk>

Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 1:11 PM

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Egbert Harmsen harmsen67@hotmail.com

Leiden, Zuid-Holland 2324HZ

From: Suhaila Badami <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 1:56 PM

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Suhaila Badami suhailarehman@gmail.com

Stockholn, Stockholm 19540

From: redemma13@yahoo.com <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 5:46 PM

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From: Nirmana D < nirmana46@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 9:23 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

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Next you'll hear from Dr. Jillian Gregg, a faculty at Oregon State University where she teaches climate science and solutions. Two of her students, Isaac Danielsen, and Isabella Wright, will also be presenting.

Dr. Gregg joined the OSU Sustainability Double Degree (SDD) program in fall 2015 to develop the course on Introduction to Climate Change (SUS 103) for which she also wrote the textbook. This course attracts more than 1000 OSU students per year.

She has authored 27 peer-reviewed articles, including being a co-author on *The 2023 state of the climate report: Entering uncharted territory* published in the journal *BioScience:* which was the most highly cited climate science paper of 2023. The report presents QUOTE "a diverse set of vital signs of the planet and the potential drivers of climate change and climate-related responses first presented by Ripple and Wolf and colleagues in 2020, who declared a climate emergency, now with more than 15,000 scientist signatories. The trends reveal new all-time climate-related records and deeply concerning patterns of climate-related disasters." At the same time, the authors report minimal progress by humanity in combating climate change.

Dr. Gregg is also principal investigator and executive director of Terrestrial Ecosystems Research Associates, a Corvallis based research group determining the impacts and ecosystem carbon storage feedbacks on human-caused climate change.

Dr. Gregg received her bachelor's and master's degrees in biology from the University of Utah, her Ph.D. in ecology and evolutionary biology from Cornell University and has done post-doctoral research at the US EPA.

She will address tipping points identified by climate science.

Good morning, My name is Isaac Danielsen, and I am in my freshman year at Oregon State University studying Business Administration. I wanted to testify today because over my past two terms at OSU, I have learned firsthand in my Sustainability 102 and Sustainability 103 courses that the effects of climate change are upon us and will significantly worsen over my lifetime without policy change.

Hi Folks, My name is **Isabella Wright**. I grew up in California and am a **student majoring in Political Science at OSU.** I wanted to testify today because it concerns me that just within my lifetime, I have already seen drastic changes in our climate. After taking two different climate and sustainability classes at OSU my worries have only grown more regarding the effects of climate change on our planet and I worry about the future of the Earth as well for future generations.

To ensure that you are all fully aware of the dangers of greenhouse gases for warming the globe, we have brought several demonstrations for you. In the first demonstration, you will be able to see the heat-trapping capacity of greenhouse gases. We all know that both temperature and CO_2 are rising, but you can't see temperature and you can't see CO_2 , so who is to say that the CO_2 is warming the air?! Today you will see it with your own eyes.

To do this, I brought an infrared video camera so we can all see the warm temperatures radiating from Isaac's hand. I also brought two Ziplock bags. One filled with N_2 gas, the other filled with a strong greenhouse gas.

The N_2 gas/bag combination shows very little heat deflection. But the greenhouse gas has a much larger impact.

That is what we are doing to our atmosphere when we burn fossil fuels.

Isaac Danielsen: To ensure that you are all fully aware that the CO_2 that we emit to the atmosphere is acidifying our oceans, we would like to show you a short demonstration. We have two vials of tap water from the drinking fountain in the hall. Isabella is going to blow bubbles in one vial and not the other, then test to see if the CO_2 from her breath has acidified the water.

You can see the indicator dye turned yellow in the vial with the CO_2 indicating that the water has turned acidic.

The rising CO_2 is not only warming the atmosphere but is also acidifying the oceans. Ocean acidification harms the entire ocean ecosystem, namely the coral reefs and shellfish industry. I hope you consider this factor when making your decision on new climate-aware investment policies for the PERS pension fund.

Isabella Wright: For our final demonstration, we wanted to ensure that you are fully aware of the ice/albedo amplifying feedback that will continue to operate even long after humans have stopped our harmful fossil fuel emissions. For this demonstration, we will measure the substantial temperature differences of dark compared to light colored material, in this case sand, that has been sitting under a lamp.

80F and 115F. The dark sand is 35F warmer!

This demonstration shows the amplifying feedback where once the light-colored ice melts – the darker Earth and sea warms even faster. The sooner we stop fossil fuel emissions, the less likely we are to cross the Ice/Albedo and other tipping points.

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My name is **Jillian Gregg**. I am a **faculty in the Sustainability Double Degree program at OSU.** I provide my title and affiliation for identification purposes only, since the views I express may or may not be consistent with those of my employer, Oregon State University.

Our paper documented that the current warming trajectory in the oceans, ice and air all took a dramatic step change in warming that we have not seen at any time in the instrument record. The big concern now is at what point we will pass climate tipping points that are threats of a magnitude never faced by humanity and from whence it will not be possible to return. Like trying to paddle back up a waterfall.

The melting of the Greenland and Antarctic Ice sheets are two of these tipping points that you can see from outer space. 3-6 feet of sea level rise are expected by 2100. Two US towns have already been relocated due to sea level rise. Coastal cities are being impacted with even greater storm surges - like hurricane Sandy which flooded the NYC subways. 220 feet of sea level rise will ultimately be released.

Another tipping point of immediate concern is the shutting down of the Great Ocean Conveyor Belt. Meltwater from the Greenland ice sheet runs into the Denmark Straight where it reduces ocean salinity in the exact location where saltier/ heavier water is required to initiate the Great Ocean Conveyor Belt that helps to stabilize the Earth's climate system. The conveyor belt has already slowed by 15%, but predictions are now that this climate stabilizing current is likely to turn off before 2100.

A related Tipping Point that we are nearing by 2050 is the loss of Coral Reefs. As the ocean circulation slows down, heat builds up near the Equator. Photosynthetic algae, which are the corals food source die in response to the warmer ocean temperatures causing coral bleaching. Over half of the worlds coral reefs have died in the last 30 years. 99% are expected to be gone by 2050. Over ½ a billion people rely on coral reefs for their food, income, and livelihoods.

These are but 4 of the 26 known tipping points. The problem with all these tipping points is that although human emissions initiate the warming, amplifying feedbacks become self-perpetuating. At that point, even complete cessation of all human emissions cannot reverse the cycle that has been set into motion. We need to ensure that we do not cross these tipping points.

We entrust that you will keep the fragility of our planet and the impacts on human lives and livelihoods in mind as you deliberate setting new climate-aware investment policies for the PERS pension fund.

John C. Coates Harvard Law School

Oregon Investment Council Testimony regarding Oregon Treasury and NetZero

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Transparency is key to having a net-zero plan that is credible.

While the Treasury is on a net-zero trajectory, any Treasury investment or reinvestment in a private fund that includes fossil fuel assets, such as LNG export facilities, would need to be bolstered by data indicating that it is clearly a better long-term investment than an investment in any other sector or asset class.

Part of the difficulty of determining whether private equity firms add value is precisely because they are private: it is hard to get data on their performance, so, compared to index funds, relatively few researchers have attempted to examine their investment performance rigorously, and those few attempts remain tentative and hard to replicate or validate. As a result, no general consensus exists that private equity is currently adding value for even its own investors overall, much less for society as a whole. Yet large institutions continue to invest in private equity funds.

The only way to benchmark how private investments **in fossil fuels** have performed for Oregon, compared to private and public investments in other sectors, is to obtain the time value of money returns at the portfolio level for all exited investments. This data should be obtained from the general partner by the Treasury and be made available to beneficiaries.

Once the investment is concluded there is no confidential investment strategy concern. If there were a concern in some unusual case, that can be addressed by anonymizing key particulars of the investment while still revealing what type of investment it was.

The big-player private investment firms that Oregon currently invests in and most likely wants to continue to do business with such as KKR, Apollo, etc. are now becoming open to revealing this information on returns. They say they view it as a marketing advantage. Some of them are also actively divesting from carbon-intensive industries and businesses. The Oregon Treasury needs to press private investment firms to release this information to pension beneficiaries. Treasury would not jeopardize getting the best deals by pressing to report the time value of money returns on all exited investments at the portfolio level.

Transparency of this information for Treasury and beneficiaries is key to having a net-zero plan that is verifiable, trusted, and accepted by beneficiaries and taxpayers.



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I write as cofacilitator of Southern Oregon Climate Action Now, an organization of some 2,000 Southern Oregonians who are concerned about the climate crisis and encourage state action to address it. As rural and coastal Southern Oregonians, we live on the frontlines of the warming, reducing snowpack, heatwaves, drought and the increasing wildfire risk that these trends conspire to produce. Because of this, we pay close attention to what is happening in Salem in terms of legislative proposals and agency

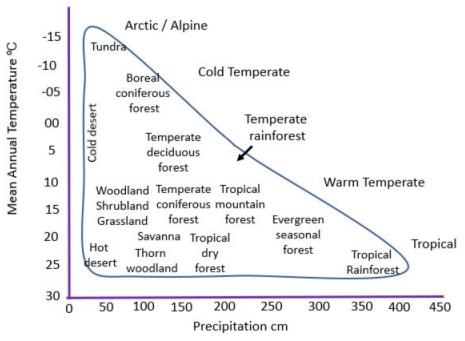


Figure 1 The distribution of natural ecosystems in terms of annual average temperature and precipitation, modified from Whittaker (1975)

Before commenting on the OPERS plan itself, I offer the perspective of a retired ecologist by way of suggesting that there seems overall to be an insufficient sense of urgency at the plight we globally and collectively are facing. I start by referring you to Figure 1 which depicts how the factors of average annual temperature and precipitation determine the

global distribution of our natural ecosystems and the biodiversity they contain. The point to note here is that a temperature shift of as little as 5°C (about 9°F) is sufficient to adjust the climate where a given ecosystem exists currently outside the range that will support that ecosystem. While natural ecosystems assuredly have the capacity to exhibit range shift and follow climatic adjustments, the speed with which

our current climate is changing exceeds that capacity for many species and systems. Thus, we are in danger of compromising the ongoing survival of many of these natural associations.

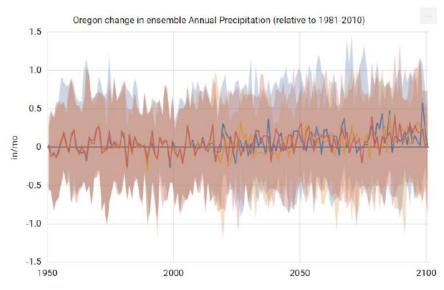


Figure 3. USGS modeled projections of annual precipitation change trend relative to the 1981-2010 average this century for Oregon under three Shared Socioeconomic Pathway scenarios. (Alder and Hostetler, 2013).

In Figures 2 and 3, I offer the USGS projections for temperature and precipitation for Oregon. In these graphs, the blue lines and shading represent the Shared Socioeconomic Pathway (SSP) 4.5 scenario, the orange line and shading represent the SSP 7.0 scenario and the red line and shading represent the SSP 8.5 scenario. The sequence is from least to greatest impact. These are discussed by Hausfather (2019). The

higher values represent scenarios with greater emissions. Schaumann (2022), meanwhile, stated "RCP-8.5 is not only the arguably most popular climate change scenario, it is also often framed in a very specific manner: as the business-as-usual trajectory that humanity is on if no climate change policies are adopted." If Oregon follows the temperature trend consistent with the recent past (Figure 3), a trend which seems to follow the SSP 8.5 trajectory, by the end of the century, annual temperatures will likely climb over 10°F (about 6°C) above the 1981-2010 average. Comparing this projection with Figure 1 suggests that Oregon's natural ecosystems are likely to be severely compromised by the end of the century. Alder and Hostetler (2013), also indicate that the projected trend of increasing temperature is greater during summer months than winter months. Although the projected precipitation trend suggests little change overall (Figure 3), winters are likely to be wetter and summers drier. Combined with our increasing summer temperature and projections suggesting snowfall will decline, these future climate models should alarm anyone who is concerned about preserving Oregon's natural ecosystems and the beauty they confer. When we consider also that our agriculture, forestry, and fisheries are influenced by the same variables, we should add to the population of the alarmed, those of us who eat.

The point of this narrative is to stress that we collectively face an alarming problem; we should all commit to doing whatever we can to avert the current climate trajectory and doing it urgently. Frankly, a plan that seeks net zero emissions by 2050 doesn't meet the urgency that our current situation and projections demand.

I read with great interest the proposed Net Zero Plan by which the Treasury hopes to reach Net Zero emissions from its investments by 2050.

We are pleased, for example, that the Treasurer stated early on: "I believe we're overexposed to investment risks from climate change" (OST 2024, P. 3). This concern we re-iterated: "It was clear to the

Treasurer that the climate crisis overall and its potential impact on Treasury investments are not problems to be dealt with in the distant future but instead require more immediate attention and action..." (OST 2024, P. 17).

While there is much to applaud in this proposal, we judge there to be some shortcomings.

On the positive side:

We applaud the recognition of a need for net zero investments with a goal of: "net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050." (OST 2024 P. 5). and an interim target of "60% reduction in emissions by 2035" (OST 2024, P. 3), though we suggest the dates are much later than the urgency of the climate crisis demands. In exploring the risks in the investment exposure, we learn of the conclusion that: "Unsurprisingly, the highest risks that we found were for investments in fossil fuels (coal, oil, and gas and fossil-based utilities)" OST (2024, P. 10). Furthermore, there is recognition that: "Downward pressure on market valuations can occur due to stranded assets — coal and oil that it is too expensive or too little in demand to justify extraction" (OST 2024, P. 11).

Additionally, we learn: "It was clear to the Treasurer that the climate crisis overall and its potential impact on Treasury investments are not problems to be dealt with in the distant future but instead require more immediate attention and action" (OST 2024, P. 17). We suggest, however, that the timeline proposed really doesn't measure up to the call for 'immediate action.'

A little later, we find: ""...the Treasurer emphasized the risk climate change poses to the long-term sustainability of our investments, and how addressing that clear financial risk is consistent with Oregon State Treasury's and Oregon Investment Council's fiduciary duties" (OST 2024, P. 21). This is an excellent summary statement of the issue, the urgency, and how responding appropriately comprises fiduciary responsibility (but see below).

In short, we are encouraged by Treasury's recognition of the problem, but disappointed by the absence of a sense of urgency that seems to be acknowledged in several comments in the report.

Fiduciary Responsibility seems confused/confusing. We read and hear much about fiduciary responsibility, the implication being that a fiduciary must serve in the best financial interests of a client. We learn, for example, that the Treasury considers that: "Our fiduciary duty requires us to make investment decisions in the sole and best **financial** interest of beneficiaries of the Oregon Public Employees Retirement Fund (OST 2024, P.5)." However, my search for the meaning of 'Fiduciary' reveals the term refers to trust, not just financial trust. I found many statements such as the following (McCombs 2024): "A fiduciary duty, is the legal responsibility to act solely in the <u>best interest</u> of another party." My underline for emphasis. This does not limit the responsibility just to a financial role, which raises the question as to whether investing in fossil fuels and promoting climate change serves the best interests of any Oregonians. It's difficult for me to accept that this is the case such that investing in fossil fuels could reasonably be considered responsible investing.

To illustrate the above confusion, I quote (OST 2024, P. 17) "For the beneficiary outreach, it is helpful to note that Treasurer Read, members of the Oregon Investment Council, and Treasury investment staff are tasked by federal and state law to act in the best financial interests of beneficiaries of the funds we manage. Because of this fiduciary duty, an essential component of developing this plan was reaching out to the people with the most to gain and/or lose from our portfolio-related decisions: current and future

retirees." This statement certainly seems to focus on the financial aspects of fiduciary responsibility, but later (OST 2024, P 23), we learn "...investment staff have a fiduciary duty to act in the best interest of operf ..." While the former statement stresses a financial obligation the latter opens the concept up to the broader term 'best interest.' That Treasury acknowledges that the concept implies 'best interest' rather than just a 'financial' obligation, is supported by their "reaching out to the people with the most to gain and/or lose from our portfolio-related decisions...(OST 2024, P. 17)." This effort revealed that "67% of respondents wanted Treasury to encourage the companies we invest in to consider the effects of climate change...." (OST 2024, P. 18). For this majority, I infer that 'best interest' implies more than simply maximizing financial benefits but includes undertaking investments within a sense of what invetors' values are.

The confusion returns later: "....our mandate requires us to earn a rate of return sufficient to support the state's obligations to beneficiaries." This again seems to assume the fiduciary mandate is a financial requirement alone and declines to incorporate 'best interests.'

Decarbonization is an unfortunate goal. For most of the discussion, the focus is on the critical word 'carbonization.' Thus, the plan as identified is to "Develop strategies to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050 or earlier" (OST 2024, P. 21). Although the following item regarding baseline assessment seems more accurate and realistic in stating: "Measure baseline greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and set interim targets for managing climate risks and identifying opportunities for expanded investments in low-carbon solutions" (OST 2024, P. 21). The distinction is important. While carbon dioxide (CO₂) and methane (CH₄) both contain carbon, the carbon in methane is embodied in a molecule that, according to the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Assessment Report 6 (Masson-Delmotte et al. 2021), on a pound for pound basis, is between 79.7 and 82.5 times worse than the carbon dioxide molecule as a warming agent on a 20-year basis and between 27.0 and 29.8 times worse on a 100-year basis. Meanwhile, nitrous oxide, which contains no carbon, is 273 times worse than carbon dioxide on both time scales.

The report then states under the heading NZE: "The Net Zero Emissions by 2050 Scenario7 (NZE Scenario) is a normative scenario that shows a pathway for the global energy sector to achieve net zero CO2 emissions by 2050, with advanced economies reaching net zero emissions in advance of others." This, again, present a focus on just carbon dioxide, not even including methane, and certainly not nitrous oxide.

Curiously, it's not until much later (OST 2024, P. 40) that the reader learns the metric under consideration for reduction is "Investment Intensity (tCO_2e /\$M AUM)." The appearance of tonnes of CO_2e is encouraging since at last we realize that the goal is to assess all greenhouse gas emissions in from the investment portfolio in terms of the carbon dioxide equivalent of emissions per Millions of dollars of Assets Under Management. It would probably have been an improvement to include this clarification earlier in the document and define decarbonization in terms of tCO_2e /\$M AUM.

Appendix 4 then offers: "Decarbonization: The process of reducing or getting rid of carbon dioxide emissions, often from activities like making products or generating energy. In this report, it's also used to reference the reduction of carbon emissions over time from assets held in the portfolio" (OTS 2024, Appendix 4). Within this report the definition of decarbonization clearly involves CO₂e assessment. The glossary should reflect this.

The Goal of Divestment is to send a message. In relation to the value of divestment as a tool for stimulating meaningful change, Gethard (2022) pointed out that: "Protest divestment is a form of dissent in which stockholders intentionally sell their assets from a corporation to enact social change. By selling off stocks, protesters hope to influence corporations against performing some aspect of their business." In relation to ending Apartheid in S. Africa, this author pointed out: "If enough corporations had stopped doing business in South Africa, its economy would have taken a turn for the worse, and that would have put the South African government in a major bind. Its choices became reforming its politics or risking complete and total economic isolation." Thus, divestment became a critical tool for change. It is laudable to try to 'work from within' as Treasury suggests several times. For example, the plan suggests Treasury will "Require credible transition plans from companies or assets that derive > 20% revenues from thermal coal, oil sands, and shale oil and gas activities." (OST 2024, P. 25). However, working from within and urging change needs to be accompanied by the threat that, absent appropriate change, divestment will follow.

Treasury defends its strategy of not divesting but using its seat at the table to engage in persuasion by arguing: "We are mindful that shifting an investment in a high emitting company into a low emitting company might lower the absolute GHG emissions of our portfolio, but it doesn't necessarily translate into 'real world' GHG emissions, as it merely shifts the emissions 'reductions' into someone else's emissions increase. 'Real world' emissions reductions would only occur if an asset made absolute reductions in its emissions – for example if a utility shifted from generating electricity using natural gas to solar generation." (OST 2024, P. 24). Indeed, this is the case, but the goal of this effort is to follow the principles of divestment that lead to change in behavior.

It is laudable to: "Engage companies on their transition plans either directly or through stewardship coalitions." (OST 2024, P. 45). However, such engagement should be accompanied by a clear promise that failure to do so will result in divestment.

By the same token, it is fine to: "Engage companies on their transition plans either directly or through stewardship coalitions"; "Increase active climate-positive investments"; "Switch passive investments to climate-aligned indexes"; "Increase engagement and stewardship activities with companies on net zero plans" etc (OTS 2024, P 49). But such efforts should be accompanied by the commitment to divest if progress is not made.

The absence of any serious pressure on those who hold Treasury investments to act as Treasury might urge is continued with: "As well as decarbonization opportunities, our investments in co-mingled funds provide opportunities to ask property managers to engage in decarbonization efforts" (OTS 2024, P. 58). In this context, the Section Reviewing "Public Equity Carbon Intensive Investments" (OTS 2024, P. 51) seems to lack an actual plan regarding what to do if invested entities don't meet expectations.

In arguing against S. Africa divestment Harvard University President Bok (1984) claimed that the University had used its investments and shareholder role to persuade South African corporations to do the right thing, for example, by: "often voting to urge corporations to subscribe to the Sullivan Principles [Equal pay for all employees doing equal or comparable work for the same period of time]." While this may have nudged a few corporations, it did not undermine Apartheid. The evidence that the divestment campaign was the cause for ending Apartheid is probably best exemplified by Nelson Mandella visiting the UC Berkeley campus in 1990 to thank his "blood brothers and sisters" among the faculty and student body (Berkeley 2018). In the 1980s, the students were protesting to persuade the University of California

to withdraw billions of dollars of investments in South Africa. It was divestment that turned the tide on Apartheid in S, Africa, not efforts involving maintaining investment while trying to persuade.

Scope 3 Emissions should be included. The Scope levels of emissions are identified by Bernoville (2022) as follows:

"Scope 1 emissions are direct emissions from company-owned and controlled resources."

"Scope 2 emissions are indirect emissions from the generation of purchased energy, from a utility provider." And

"Scope 3 emissions are all indirect emissions - not included in scope 2 - that occur in the value chain of the reporting company, including both upstream and downstream emissions."

These are consistent with the report definitions (OST 2024, P. 82).

In the report, Treasury acknowledges that "Currently, emissions intensity will cover Scope 1 and 2 baselined emissions, which are the most reported and highest quality data and also where Treasury has the most influence. As the standards and reporting improve around Scope 3, Treasury will look to incorporate that data into our decision making" (OST 2024, P. 40).

The problem with this limitation was identified by Deloitte (2024): "For many businesses, Scope 3 emissions account for more than 70 percent of their carbon footprint. For example, for an organisation that manufactures products, there will often be significant carbon emissions from the extraction, manufacture and processing of the raw materials." This suggests that for fossil fuel corporations, ignoring Scope 3 emissions will grossly underestimate their greenhouse gas emissions footprint.

This concern seems to be acknowledged in the Plan: "An initial screen of the emissions related to fossil fuel extraction estimates that they represent approximately 10% of the portfolio's total emissions, while only representing 2.4% of OPERF's total assets. Because we only looked at Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions, we excluded integrated oil and gas companies from the estimates as most of their emissions are Scope 3. The largest portion of our financed emissions — estimated at 9.5% - comes from natural gas and oil extraction, most of which is within real assets." This illustrates the problem with ignoring Scope 3 assessment. If Scope 3 is ignored, the entire effort is severely compromised.

It is encouraging that Treasury states: "As the standards and reporting improve around Scope 3, Treasury will look to incorporate that data into our decision making." Greater credibility would be afforded if greater effort were expended to incorporate Scope 3 emissions especially from fossil fuel corporations.

The report also states (OTS 2024, p. 83): "Our emissions intensity measurement covers only Scopes 1 and 2 because Scope 3 emissions are complex and not widely disclosed. For example, in a recent study, shareholder representative As You Sow found that of 55 large companies only 20 disclosed all 15 types of Scope 3 emissions."

"While the future of Scope 3 emissions requirements by the SEC continues to play out, European Union rules will make Scope 3 disclosures mandatory for large companies starting in 2024. The EU has also made reporting standardized." This may be difficult but is not impossible and the evidence suggests that ignoring these produces a very inadequate assessment of emissions. Maybe Treasury could adopt a principle that they will not invest in entities that fail to disclose Scope 3 emissions in a credible manner.

Treasury defends this approach by arguing: "Most complete and reported data from companies today for credible progress reporting, [are] also where OST has the strongest influence." While this is probably the case, it demonstrates why continuing to engage with corporations to try and 'educate' them is contraindicated. Greater pressure is imposed by simply divesting.

Emissions Intensity hides rising total absolute emissions. During the discussion of metrics to be used in emissions accounting, Treasury indicates the possible use of Absolute Emissions and Emissions Intensity. While the former is straightforward, the latter is a little convoluted. Emissions Intensity is defined (OST 2024, P. 25) "as the amount of carbon dioxide emissions (CO₂) released per unit of another economic output variable – such as gross domestic product (GDP) at the national level, or revenue, or number of employees at the company level. Using a carbon or emissions intensity measure allows companies to set emissions reduction targets that can account for economic growth." This last acknowledgement reveals that a company can falsely claim they are reducing emissions (measured as emissions per unit product manufactured) when absolute emissions are rising since their productivity is increasing. If the goal is net zero of absolute emissions, employing emissions intensity has no place in the assessments.

We are encouraged to learn that: "To determine our emissions intensity numbers, the formula uses absolute emissions calculated through the baselining process. Absolute emissions can be highly correlated to the size of the portfolio." This statement is unfortunately then confused by the rest of the same paragraph stating: "Emissions intensity, on the other hand, is a more consistent metric that gives our investment team a practical goal to work toward rather than just reducing portfolio size. It also allows for more meaningful comparisons of OPERF to itself over time regardless of the size of the portfolio and to other pension funds of different sizes." This leaves the distinct impression that Treasury is willing to claim reduced emissions intensity per unit of production constitutes an emissions reduction even if the absolute emissions rise. If this is the case, the entire Treasury Net Zero venture will fall victim to accusations of being a greenwashing scam. This unfortunate impression is enhanced with the discussion of emissions intensity in relation to what other funds are doing (OST 2024, P. 37): "As the chart shows, most funds have set a 2050 target, with a 2030 interim target. Most have also set intensitybased targets rather than absolute metrics. Five funds have set net zero targets, while six have green finance targets." (OST 2024, P. 39). Then again, we learn: "Currently, emissions intensity will cover Scope 1 and 2 baselined emissions, which are the most reported and highest quality data and also where Treasury has the most influence" (OST 2024, P. 40). These statements seem to support the contention that financial institutions and Treasury are greenwashing and constitute illusory efforts to address the climate crisis.

The focus on emissions intensity throughout the discussion of "Degree Of Decarbonization Difficulty - Economy & Asset Class" is disappointing since it again undermines the credibility of the plan and the stated commitment to produce absolute emissions reductions (OST 2024, P. 42). Disappointment continues, as we read: "It is important to recognize that we expect each asset class to reduce its individual emissions intensity by 60% by 2035; their 'contributions' are differentiated because of the different levels of emissions intensity within each asset class – higher in public equities, lower in private equity, for example." (OTS 2024, P. 62). Regrettably, this rather confirms that Treasury has lost sight of the need for us to reduce absolute emissions and leaves us with a plan that quite likely will result in emissions increases from the portfolio as productivity increases.

This emphasis on emissions intensity stands in marked contrast to the earlier acknowledgement that: "Real world' emissions reductions would only occur if an asset made absolute reductions in its emissions" (OST 2024, P. 24). It seems Treasury acknowledges the need to assess absolute emissions and achieve a reduction in these but paradoxically then focuses on the emissions intensity metric that can drop while absolute emissions rise.

Voluntarily reported data are unreliable. Treasury indicates that baseline data will be calculated using the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF) methodology. Meanwhile, it is worth noting that NGOs are critical of this methodology (Marchant 2023). The author offers: "Alexis Normand, chief executive of Greenly, said: "The proposed compromise deal among banks to disclose carbon footprints of capital-markets operations is being hailed as a milestone in climate finance."

Marchant continues: "However, voluntary standards led by industry players risk furthering the interest of a few banks over what's needed to effectively tackle climate change. A more robust, comprehensive and stringent regulatory framework is needed to effectively tackle the climate crisis. This framework should enforce mandatory reporting of no-less-than 100% facilitated emissions, backed by scientific assessments and oversight."

Given the history of misinformation and disinformation propounded by fossil fuel companies in their campaign to undermine public confidence in climate science, it seems naïve that an agency would rely on fossil fuel corporations contributing voluntary reporting of emissions.

Target reduction percentages could be more rigorous. Exhibiting laudable transparency, the discussion of Key actions and Strategies by Asset Class Treasury indicates an Interim 2035 target wherein Treasury commits to: "10% of active and 30% of passive investments to be climate- or transition-aligned" and that they will "Review investments that derive > 20% of revenues from thermal coal, oil sands and shale O&G by February, 2025" (OST 2024, P. 25). It would be interesting to know what is planned following this review, or if investments fail to display anticipated reduction. In relation to Private Equity and Real Assets, the report suggests the plan will: "Triple climate-positive investments"; achieve "65% of investments to be covered by credible net zero transition plans"; and will "Restrict new investments in funds primarily focused on fossil fuels." (OST 2024, P. 25). There seems no justification offered for these percentages or multipliers, which – given the acknowledged urgency of the climate crisis and the need for immediate action to address it, leaves the reader wondering why they are not substantially more rigorous. It is also not clear why funds primarily focused ('primarily' is undefined) on fossil fuels are merely 'restricted' rather than 'eliminated.'

Concluding Remarks

The report offers the methodology that they: "took four steps to calculate our portfolio emissions baseline" but it's not clear what these steps were, so they cannot be evaluated.

We certainly approve the notion that Treasury will: "Restrict new investments in funds primarily focused on fossil fuels." (OST 2024 P. 25) but would prefer the verb were 'eliminate' rather than 'restrict.'

The steps indicated in the Essence of the Plan seem laudable: "First, Treasury will continue to evolve our portfolio, such as bringing active public equity investments in line with lower intensity benchmarks. Second, Treasury will increase the percentage of investments in companies or assets that have net zero transition plans through engagement and manager selection. Third, we will invest in climate-positive

activities. These could include industries such as wind turbine manufacturing, energy storage solutions, and electric vehicles, or industries that will come to market over the next 20 years. Fourth, we will track changes in the portfolio as a result of the above actions and also consider potential exclusions or reallocation" (OST 2024, P. 41). However, the question remains: why the delays when urgency is the criterion?

We are gratified to see the following statement, though it could have come earlier to allay fears that the entire Treasury effort was missing the point: "According to the IPCC's glossary 10 of terms, net zero records the point at which emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs) into the earth's atmosphere from human activities are balanced by the reabsorption of GHGs through natural and enhanced storage methods over a specified period. Where more than one type of GHG is involved, the measurement of net zero emissions is more complicated and depends on the effect on the climate of the different types of GHG. For example, methane has a 100-year global warming potential 28-34 times that of carbon dioxide (CO2). Over a 20-year period, that ratio grows to 84-86 times that of CO2. Thus, net zero measurements must take into account these different global warming potentialities and the relevant time horizon." (OTS 2024, P. 43). Although the reported global warming potential values are not quite consistent with what the IPCC identified in Assessment Report 6 (Masson-Delmotte 2021) as discussed above in the section on Decarbonization, they are close enough to suggest Treasury is concerned for recognition of the reality of those values.

By the same token, we are pleased to read: "It is anticipated that Treasury will continue transitioning the portfolio away from high carbon intensity sectors such as utilities, energy, and materials and into other lower intensity sectors like technology, consumer, and health care. Treasury's net zero plan also establishes a goal of increasing the share of OPERF that is invested in climate solutions and green investments." (OTS 2024, P. 54). This comprises an excellent plan with which we totally agree. As indicated above, we infer carbon refers to CO₂e, but why not focus on absolute emissions rather than the illusion that reducing emissions intensity actually will result in absolute emissions reductions, and why not acknowledge the urgency and impose a faster schedule with deeper reductions?

We are somewhat bemused by the statement: "Finally, because of the carbon intensity of our existing real asset investments, Treasury will look for opportunities to evolve away from natural resource investments and toward lower intensity sectors like infrastructure and transition-enabling sectors" (OST 2024, P. 58). Maybe the meaning of 'natural resources' as used here refers to oil, coal and gas. If so, this would make sense. However, other natural resources (forests, for example) offer an excellent opportunity for Treasury to invest in natural climate solutions that will extract greenhouse gases (carbon dioxide) from the atmosphere.

We are very pleased that Treasury has acknowledged the investment risks associated with fossil fuel promotion and has developed a strategy to address it. We are, however, concerned about the points raised above. Most importantly, however, we are, with this and a multitude of other agency and legislative actions, extremely disturbed by the lack of alarm and urgency that proposed institutional responses repeatedly exhibit when they are represented as addressing the crisis.

It is encouraging that the plan acknowledges the risk of stranded assets: "We will also consider excluding investments that are exposed to stranded asset risk, such as fossil fuel companies without transition plans, and companies in 'hard to abate' sectors or industries. Stranded assets are those that lose value or

turn into losses because they cannot be profited from." (OTS, 2024, P. 67). We applaud this statement of recognition that fossil fuels are a dying industry.

Even if we were to adopt the view that Fiduciary responsibility only refers to the financial equation, we would be concerned that the Plan still promotes the unfortunate view that divesting from fossil fuels poses a financial risk to the portfolio: "Treasurer Read developed this Net Zero Plan to ensure the sustainability of pension fund returns by accelerating the reduction of carbon emissions in the OPERF portfolio, and to do so as aggressively as possible, without requiring a reduction in the anticipated capital market assumption of OPERF's rate of return over the coming years" (OTS 2024, P. 69). Regrettably, this statement flies in the face of the evidence that demonstrates divesting from fossil fuel can result in a portfolio that provides greater economic returns. (e.g., Divest Oregon 2013).

The sum total of this analysis of the Net Zero Plan is that it fails to assure the emissions reduction in Treasury's investment portfolio that is promised and seems not to recognize the urgency of concerted actions.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Plouvnet

Alan R.P. Journet P.D.

Cofacilitator, Southern Oregon Climate Action Now

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From: Curtis Bell <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 12:08 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do Not Reinvest in AID Israel

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

Oregon Investment Council,

Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

On April 26 a U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund in the amount of \$30.5 million will be maturing. I am writing to urge you not to reinvest this money in the bond holder listed as AID Israel. AID is an abbreviation for the U.S. Agency for International Development, and the bond is used to guarantee loans for the state of Israel.

I am especially concerned because the International Court of Justice, also known as the World Court, recently found "plausible" evidence that Israel is currently carrying out a genocide in Gaza. The Court issued a number of provisional measures designed to halt this genocide, but Israel has systematically ignored the Court's mandate.

At this writing, Israel's "indiscriminate" bombing of Gaza, a description used by U.S. President Joe Biden, along with drone, tank, artillery and sniper attacks have killed more than 32,000 Palestinians in Gaza, who were overwhelmingly civilians and mostly women and children. Other reports by respected humanitarian organizations and United Nations agencies say that another 7,000 people reported as missing are likely buried under the rubble of Gaza's buildings where 80 percent of the housing stock has been destroyed.

Oregon's U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley traveled to Gaza and reported that Israel routinely rejected and turned away aid trucks for trivial reasons. Last week the World Court noted in a unanimous finding that Israel had failed to provide Gaza with sufficient humanitarian aid and ordered further measures.

A recent study issued by the U.S. Congressional Research Service makes clear that loan guarantees provided to Israel by AID are in effect "fungible" and give Israel the ability to budget other funds for munitions used to carry out the genocide. The study noted that at least 10 U.S. senators have demanded that the State Department investigate whether Israel's use

of U.S. aid has violated the Leahy amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act, which prohibits the use of U.S funding for ongoing human rights violations.

For all of these reasons, and because four leading human rights organizations, including Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, have found that Israel is an apartheid state, I urge you to formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits the state of Israel.

Curtis Bell curt.c.bell@gmail.com

Portland, Oregon 97210

From: Laura N <nittila@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 11:40 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: No investments in aid to Israel

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On April 26, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund will mature. I urge you NOT to reinvest this money in the bond holder AID Israel.

The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide against Palestinians.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Thank you,

Laura Nitti Portland, OR 97220 From: erin hiser <erinhiser@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 11:08 AM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Divest From Genocide

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I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Erin Hiser

Portland, OR 97231

From: Nanao Carey <nanao.hirakawa@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 11:04 AM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Stop supporting Israel

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Hi,

On April 26, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund will mature. I urge you NOT to reinvest this money in the bond holder *AID Israel*.

The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is actively committing genocide against Palestinians.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in *AID Israel* or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Nanao Carey

Portland, OR 97203

From: Celene Carillo <ccarillo@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 10:06 AM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Do not reinvest in Israel AID

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Dear Treasurer Read,

On April 26, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund will mature. I urge you NOT to reinvest this money in the bond holder, AID Israel.

The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide against Palestinians.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Thank you for your urgent attention, Celene Carillo From: Maxwell Carey <mh.carey@pm.me>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 9:53 AM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Do not reinvest in AID Israel

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On April 26, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund will mature. I urge you NOT to reinvest this money in the bond holder *AID Israel*.

The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is actively committing genocide against Palestinians.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in *AID Israel* or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Max Carey

Portland, OR 97203

From: Emily McLongstreet <emclongstreet@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 9:43 AM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Divest from AID Israel

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

This is a plea for you NOT to reinvest the money held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund in the bond holder <u>AID Israel</u> when it matures on April 26th. We are witnessing a genocide overseas, fueld by American dollars. The recent murder of doctors and aid workers cannot be framed as anything other than war crimes. It is our patriotic duty to use every resource we have access to to slow this bloodshed and turn this ship back toward humanity. Slowing the money to Israel at this moment in history has the potential to save tens of thousands of civilians.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument benefiting the Israel war machine.

Thank you for your help, Emily McLongstreet

Portland, OR 97213

From: Sean <spsmith1901@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 9:21 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Genocide

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On April 26, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund will mature. I urge you NOT to reinvest this money in the bond holder AID Israel.

The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide against Palestinians.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide & apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

From: Janet Ayres <janetayres919@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 7:30 AM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Stop investing in AID Israel

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

Dear Mr. Read,

On April 26th, AID Israel is maturing. That's \$30.5 million dollars toward funding a genocidal state on your watch. As a constituent of Portland, Oregon, that makes me complicit as well. I can not stand by and do nothing while thousands of people are being bombed and starved to death. Please do NOT reinvest in the AID Israel bond or any other financial tool that benefits Israel.

Sincerely, Janet Ayres NE Portland From: Kirsten Volness <kvolness@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 7:29 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: OREGON TREASURY: DIVEST FROM ISRAEL

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

On April 26, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund wil mature. I urge you NOT to reinvest this money in the bond holder AID Israel.

The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide against the Palestinian people. The continued war crimes are clearly documented and undeniable.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in the mass extermination of children in Gaza if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instruments benefitting Israel.

DO THE RIGHT THING! Not another cent to funding murder.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kirsten Volness

Portland, OR 97214

From: Anesa Burkic <anesaburkic@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 11:47 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Oregon Treasury: Divest from Genocide!

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Anesa Burkic 6223 E Burnside St, Portland, OR 97215

On April 26, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund will mature. I urge you NOT to reinvest this money in the bond holder AID Israel.

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I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide & apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

From: Maren JS <astaknowsnick@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 11:28 PM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Oregon Treasury Concerns

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

Hello,

I am writing as a concerned, taxpaying, Oregonian. On April 26th, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund will mature. I urge you NOT to reinvest this money in the bond holder Aid Israel. That bond would guarantee loans for Israel, a country currently committing genocide against Palestinians according to the United Nations. I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid practices if it reinvests the maturing bond in Aid Israel or any other financial insturment that currently benefits Israel.

Sincerely,

Maren Salomon

97211

From: David Bryant <dbryant5456@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 9:48 PM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Divest from apartheid

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The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide against Palestinians.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide & apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

David Bryant

Talent, OR 97540

Sent from my iPhone

From: Crystal P <cjplotner@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 9:44 PM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Divest from apartheid

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I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide & apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Crystal Plotner

Talent, OR 97540

From: Jennifer Ball <jlritcheson@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 9:34 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Oregon Treasury: Divest from Genocide

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I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide & apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Sincerely, Jennifer Ball

Portland, OR 97213

Sent from my iPhone

From: Rebecca Ruth Gould <rebeccaruthgould@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 8:42 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Warning: Do not be complicit in genocide

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

I am writing as an Oregon resident and US citizen to formally notify you that investing in Israel and in Israeli financial institutions puts the State of Oregon at risk for complicity in genocide and apartheid. I strongly oppose the use of taxpayer funds to support Israel's starvation and annihilation of the Palestinian people of Gaza and the continued occupation of the West Bank.

Please reconsider the state's investment portfolio in light of the risk of complicity in genocide.

With respect, Rebecca Ruth Gould

Ashland, Oregon 97520

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Rebecca Ruth Gould

From: Ben Stickney <ben.demilo@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 8:38 PM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Divest from Genocide

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To whom it concerns,

On April 26, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund will mature. I urge you NOT to reinvest this money in the bond holder AID Israel. The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide against Palestinians. I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide & apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Thank you,

Ben Stickney

From: Natalie Smith <nataliesmithstrength@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 7:54 PM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Palestine Conflict

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Hello,

I hope this email finds you well. I was just reaching out to say that-

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I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide & apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Thank you for your consideration, -Natalie Smith

From: nicole faivre <ncfaivre@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 7:54 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Bond

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

Hello,

I am writing with concern in regard to a bond that is held in OR Treasury's short-term fund. I urge the OR treasury NOT to reinvest this money in the bond holder AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel. We should not be financially supporting an apartheid government that is committing war crimes and plausible genocide. As an Oregonian, I expect our funds to benefit the state of Oregon.

Thank You,

Nicole Faivre

From: Brice Suprenant <bsuprena@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 7:43 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Oregon treasury: Divest from Genocide!

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I request that you formally notify the Oregon Tresury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

From: Kaid Deveau <kaid.deveau787@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 7:36 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Oregon Treasury: Divest From Genocide

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I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide & apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Kaid Hanzelic-Deveau (he/him)

From: Desmond Morimoto <desmondmorimoto@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 7:34 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Oregon Treasury: Divest From Genocide

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I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide & apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Desmond Morimoto (he/him)

From: Twila Jacobsen <jacobsent@seiu503.org>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 7:32 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do Not Reinvest in bond holder AID Israel

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Dear Oregon Investment Council:

On April 26, 2024, a \$30.5 million US government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's short-term fund will mature. I urge you NOT to re-invest this money in the bond-holder, AID Israel.

The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide against Palestinians.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide & apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Twila Jacobsen, SEIU 503 OPEU Board Member President Retiree Local 001 Climate Justice Committee Member From: Kali Gough < kaligough@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 7:24 PM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Divesting from AID Israel

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

Hi there,

My name is Kali and I am a resident of Corvallis, Oregon. I am writing to request that we, the state of Oregon, divest from AID Israel and do not reinvest in the maturing bond, or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel. I am a proud Oregonian and would like to continue supporting this state through investment in financial taxes, employment, ongoing education, and home-ownership. I am deeply concerned about Oregon's role in the ongoing conflict in Palestine. It does not align with the state constitution of Oregon of which I expect my state government to uphold. Please consider my comment with compassion and applied empathy as you make decisions that can affect not only the present moment, but several generations to come.

Thank you, Kali Gough From: Maria Watters <mariajakew@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 7:03 PM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Divest from Israel

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

My name is Maria Watters and I live at 310 Trask Ct in Roseburg, OR.

On April 26, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund will mature. I urge you NOT to reinvest this money in the bond holder AID Israel.

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Thank you, Maria From: Casey Jones <jones.casey83@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 7:01 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Concerned citizen from Benton County

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Attention Oregon Treasury:

DIVEST FROM GENOCIDE

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Anyone who chooses to remain complicit in genocide and violate the convention to prevent genocide is ethically incompetent and not fit to serve in the public office of this great state.

Casey Strickland

Corvallis, OR 97330

From: Ravyn Cervantes <ravyn.ariana@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 6:48 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do NOT let April 26 bond be reinvested in Israel!

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

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On April 26, a \$30.5 million US government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund will mature. I demand that you NOT reinvest this money in the bondholder AID Israel.

The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is currently committing genocide against the Palestinian people. I request that you formally notify the Oregon treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel. I want absolutely no part in the destructive and debasing horror that Israel has been committing every single hour against civilians in Palestine.

Ravyn Cervantes

Corvallis, OR 97330

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Ravyn Cervantes (she/her)

From: Laurali Hudgins <laurali.omer@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 6:03 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Divest from Israel and Genocide

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On April 26, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short Term Fund will mature. I urge you not to reinvest this money in the bondholder AID Israel.

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I respectfully request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel. Sincerely,

Laurali Hudgins

From: William Leahy <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 5:54 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do Not Reinvest in AID Israel

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Oregon Investment Council,

Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

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of U.S. aid has violated the Leahy amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act, which prohibits the use of U.S funding for ongoing human rights violations.

For all of these reasons, and because four leading human rights organizations, including Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, have found that Israel is an apartheid state, I urge you to formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits the state of Israel.

William Leahy
Fiddle2149@pm.me

Portland, Oregon 97239-2842

From: keskinen.jj <keskinen.jj@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 5:27 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Bond Maturity

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

On April 26th, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund will mature. I urge you NOT to reinvest this money in the bond holder *AID Israel*.

The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide against Palestinians.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in *AID Israel* or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Charlie K.

Springfield, OR 97477

From: Taylor Lane <taynickellelane@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 5:08 PM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Oregon Investments

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

Hello,

On April 26, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund will mature. I urge you NOT to reinvest this money in the bond holder AID Israel. The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide against Palestinians. I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide & apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Taylor Lane

Salem, OR 97305

From: Maxwell Romprey <max.romprey@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 5:02 PM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Divest from Genocide

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

I am writing to notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it reinvests the Short-Term Fund bond that will be maturing April 26th in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Maxwell Romprey

From: letty chichitonyolotli <clm1078@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 4:52 PM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Divest From Genocide

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

On April 26 a \$30.5 million US Government bond held in the Oregon short term Treasury fund will mature and as a I urge you NOT to reinvest in the bind holder Aid Israel.

The bond guarantees loans to the apartheid state of Israel that is committing genocide on Palestine and the Palestinians People

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid it it reinvests the maturing bond in Aid Israel or any other financial instruments that aids Israel

Sincerely

United States Navy Veteran

Letty Dogheart

From: Margaret Stephens <mlstep@msn.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 2:22 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do not re-invest in genocide

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

Dear Oregon Investment Council:

On April 26, 2024, a \$30.5 million US government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's short-term fund will mature. I urge you NOT to re-invest this money in the bond-holder, AID Israel.

The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide against Palestinians.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide & apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Sincerely, Margaret Stephens (PERS Retiree) Salem, Oregon From: Liz Allen lizaallen89@gmail.com>
Tuesday, April 9, 2024 2:12 PM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Short-Term Fund

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

To Whom it May Concern,

On April 26, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund will mature. I urge you NOT to reinvest this money in the bond holder AID Israel. The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide against Palestinians. I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide & apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Sincerely,

Liz Allen OTR/L

From: Brenda Gould <whitebarkpine@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 1:55 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do Not Reinvest in AID Israel

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

Dear Treasurer,

Do not reinvest in AID Israel since the Israeli government is blocking aid delivery to starving, dydrated, sick and injured civilians of Gaza.

Israel is committing war crimes and what is plausibly genocide in the apartheid state it has controlled. Investing in such a government is contrary to the Oregon Constitution.

- --Sincerely;
- --Brenda B. Gould, Ashland, OR

From: Nicolette Tang <tangnicolette@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 1:36 PM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Divest from Genocide

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

Oregon Treasury:

On April 26, a \$30.5 million US government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-term Fund will mature. I urge you NOT to reinvest this money in the bond holder AID Israel.

The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide against Palestinians.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits the apartheid state of Israel.

Nikki Tang

Tigard, OR 97223

From: Taylor Mills <taylormills11@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 1:31 PM

To: OIC Public Comments
Subject: DIVEST FROM GENOCIDE

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

On April 26, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bon held in the Oregon Treasury's Short - Term Fund will mature. I URGE YOU NOT TO REINVEST THIS MONEY IN THE BOND HOLD AID ISRAEL.

The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide against Palestinians.

I request that you **formally notify the Oregon Treasury** that it would be **complicit in genocide & apartheid** if it reinvests the maturing bon in AID ISRAEL or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Taylor Mills

Aloha, Or 97007

From: Beebe Sharkey <beebe.sharkey@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 1:29 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Oregon Treasury: Divest from genocide

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

To whom it may concern,

On April 26th, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund will mature. I urge you NOT to reinvest this money in the bondholder *AID Israel*. The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide against Palestinians. I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in *AID Israel* or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Thank you, Brianna Sharkey

From: Soderlund Hough, Joshua <joshua.soderlund@oregonstate.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 1:26 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do not reinvest 'AID Israel' bond on April 26, please.

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

Dear Treasurer Read,

On April 26, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund will mature. I urge you NOT to reinvest this money in the bond holder, AID Israel.

The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide against Palestinians. I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Thank you for your urgent attention,

Joshua Soderlund Hough

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Joshua Soderlund Hough (he/him) CRM & Marketing Analyst OSU Extension Outdoor School



From: ladyfangg <spmrad1224@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 1:25 PM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Divest from Genocide

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

On April 26, 2024 a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-term fund will mature. I urge you NOT to reinvest this money in the bond holder AID Israel.

The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is commiting genocide against Palestinians.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide & apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Thank you. Oregon Resident Stephanie P. Murad

97527

From: Tammy Abu-Husein <tammyabu@msn.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 1:22 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Using Oregon's Money Wisely

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

OIC Members:

On April 26, a \$30.5 million U. S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fun will mature. Please do not reinvest this money in the bond holder AID Israel.

The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state, that is committing genocide against Palestinians. The ICJ issued measures for Israel to take as the government's actions and words show probable genocide. Measures which Israel chooses to ignore on a daily basis.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Oregon has a chance to stand up against genocide and apartheid by divesting from bonds and other financial instruments that benefit Israel.

As a resident of Oregon and a taxpayer who understands the importance of taxes in running government and caring for the needs of the people, investing in genocide and apartheid goes against my values.

Sincerely,

Tammy L. Abu-Husein

Albany, Oregon 97321

From: Julian Gomez <juliangomez012@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 12:48 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Please Divest

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

To Whom It May Concern,

On April 26, a \$30.5 million US government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund will mature. I urge you NOT to reinvest this money in the bond holder *AID Israel*.

The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide against Palestinians.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in *AID Israel* or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Sincerely,

Julian Gomez Oregon resident From: Keita B <keitajb@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 12:46 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Request

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

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide & apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID /srael or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Keita Beard

Corvallis OR 97330

From: Elaina Foley <elaina.foley@aya.yale.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 12:45 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Oregon Bonds Renewal Comment

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

To the Oregon Investments Council,

On April 26, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund will mature. I ask that you take this opportunity and do NOT reinvest this money in the bond holder AID Israel. As a human rights scholar, and social sciences researcher, I deeply oppose any commitment to investing in the ongoing violence and apartheid perpetrated by Israel.

The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is using US assets in order to commit genocide against Palestinians. By destroying critical infrastructure along with residential and cultural sites, Israel is continuing its long-term attempt towards sovereignty over the state and people of Palestine. The state of Oregon must show its commitment to peace and human rights by refusing to aid this attempt. It is immoral and unethical on every level imaginable to invest in this violence in order to sustain ourselves.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it will be complicit in this perpetuation of genocide & apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel. A state's investments should be governed by its peoples' interests, not just the profit and power of those who benefit from war.

Elaina Foley

Medford OR 97501

From: Cindy Cedeno <ccedeno65529@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 12:37 PM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Divest From Genocide!

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On April 26, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund will mature. I urge you NOT to reinvest this money in the bondholder *AID Israel*.

The bond guarantees loans for Israel, as apartheid state that is committing genocide against Palestinians. In addition to the genocide in Gaza, Israel continues its Defacto annexation of areas of the West Bank which is a breach of international law.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Trasury that **it would be complict** in genocide and apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bonf in *AID Israel* or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Thank you, Cindy Cedeno

Corvallis, OR 97330

From: Hannah pettey <hannah27pettey@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 12:21 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: OREGON TREASURY: DIVEST FROM GENOCIDE

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

On April 26th, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund will mature. I urge you NOT to reinvest this money in the bond holder "AID Israel".

The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide against Palestinians.

I demand that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it reinvests that maturing bond in "AID Israel" or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Hannah Pettey Located in Medford, OR From: Sheila Reeves <sereeves43@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 12:17 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: AID Israel

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

I am an Oregon resident and constituent in 97209. I am writing to urge you to divest from apartheid Israel and the active funding of genocide and international war crimes.

I have been made aware that on April 26th, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund will mature. I deeply urge you to not reinvest this money in the bond holder *AID Israel*. This bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide and war crimes against Palestinians - an overwhelming percentage of which are children. Those who have not been killed by the unconscionable and disproportionate violence are being actively starved: tens of thousands of people are facing imminent famine due to Israel's inhumane and illegal actions and policies. Israel is also targeting aid workers, hospitals, and journalists with U.S. money and weapons.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide, apartheid and war crimes if it reinvests the maturing bond in *AID Israel* or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel. This is an opportunity to do the right thing and make material changes on behalf of thousands of suffering human beings and in support of our values of justice, freedom and democracy.

Thank you for your time,

Sheila Reeves

Portland, Or. 97209

From: Lilla Fortunoff < lilla.fortunoff@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 12:08 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: A soon-expiring bond in the Short Term Fund

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

On April 26 a U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund in the amount of \$30.5 million will be maturing. I am writing to urge you not to reinvest this money in the bond holder listed as AID Israel. AID is an abbreviation for the U.S. Agency for International Development, and the bond is used to guarantee loans for the state of Israel.

I am especially concerned because the International Court of Justice, also known as the World Court, recently found "plausible" evidence that Israel is currently carrying out a genocide in Gaza. The Court issued a number of provisional measures designed to halt this genocide, but Israel has systematically ignored the Court's mandate.

At this writing, Israel's "indiscriminate" bombing of Gaza, a description used by U.S. President Joe Biden, along with drone,tank, artillery and sniper attacks have killed more than 32,000 Palestinians in Gaza, who were overwhelmingly civilians and mostly women and children. Other reports by respected humanitarian organizations and United Nations agencies say that another 7,000 people reported as missing are likely buried under the rubble of Gaza's buildings where 80 percent of the housing stock has been destroyed. Oregon's U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley traveled to Gaza and reported that Israel routinely rejected and turned away aid trucks for trivial reasons. Last week the World Court noted in a unanimous finding that Israel had failed to provide Gaza with sufficient humanitarian aid and ordered further measures.

A recent <u>study</u> issued by the U.S. Congressional Research Service makes clear that loan guarantees provided to Israel by AID are in effect "fungible" and give Israel the ability to budget other funds for munitions used to carry out the genocide. The study noted that at least 10 U.S. senators have demanded that the State Department investigate whether Israel's use of U.S. aid has violated the Leahy amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act, which prohibits the use of U.S funding for ongoing human rights violations.

For all of these reasons, and because four leading human rights organizations, including Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, have found that Israel is an apartheid state, I urge you to formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits the state of Israel. Sincerely.

Lilla Fortunoff

Portland, OR 97225

From: lan Reeves <ianwalk@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 11:56 AM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Divest from apartheid israel

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

Hello,

I am an Oregon resident and constituent in 97202. I am writing to urge you to divest from apartheid Israel and the active funding of genocide and international war crimes.

I have been made aware that on April 26th, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund will mature. I deeply urge you to not reinvest this money in the bond holder *AID Israel*. This bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide and war crimes against Palestinians - an overwhelming percentage of which are children. Those who have not been killed by the unconscionable and disproportionate violence are being actively starved: tens of thousands of people are facing imminent famine due to Israel's inhumane and illegal actions and policies. Israel is also targeting aid workers, hospitals, and journalists with U.S. money and weapons.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide, apartheid and war crimes if it reinvests the maturing bond in *AID Israel* or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel. This is an opportunity to do the right thing and make material changes on behalf of thousands of suffering human beings and in support of our values of justice, freedom and democracy.

Sincerely,
97202

From: Sofia Salt <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 11:54 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do Not Reinvest in AID Israel

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

Oregon Investment Council,

Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

On April 26 a U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund in the amount of \$30.5 million will be maturing. I am writing to urge you not to reinvest this money in the bond holder listed as AID Israel. AID is an abbreviation for the U.S. Agency for International Development, and the bond is used to guarantee loans for the state of Israel.

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of U.S. aid has violated the Leahy amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act, which prohibits the use of U.S funding for ongoing human rights violations.

For all of these reasons, and because four leading human rights organizations, including Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, have found that Israel is an apartheid state, I urge you to formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits the state of Israel.

Thank you for reading this email and I hope you take this request to heart.

Sofia Salt sofia.es.usa@gmail.com

Hillsboro, Oregon 97124

From: Deborah Rose Reeves <deborahrosereeves@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 11:50 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Oregon Treasury: Divest from Genocide

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

I am an Oregon resident and constituent in 97202. I am writing to urge you to divest from apartheid Israel and the active funding of genocide and international war crimes.

I have been made aware that on April 26th, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund will mature. I deeply urge you to not reinvest this money in the bond holder *AID Israel*. This bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide and war crimes against Palestinians - an overwhelming percentage of which are children. Those who have not been killed by the unconscionable and disproportionate violence are being actively starved: tens of thousands of people are facing imminent famine due to Israel's inhumane and illegal actions and policies. Israel is also targeting aid workers, hospitals, and journalists with U.S. money and weapons.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide, apartheid and war crimes if it reinvests the maturing bond in *AID Israel* or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel. This is an opportunity to do the right thing and make material changes on behalf of thousands of suffering human beings and in support of our values of justice, freedom and democracy.

Sincerely, Deborah Reeves

Portland, OR 97202

From: Matthew Hammers <mjhammers42@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 11:46 AM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Divest from Genocide

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To whom it may concern,

On April 26, a \$30.5 Million US Government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short Term Fund will mature.

I urge you NOT to reinvest this money in the bond holder AID Israel.

The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide against Palestinians.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it will not be complicit in genocide & apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel

- Matt Hammers

Medford, OR 97504

From: Sarah Kline <sarahrlkline22@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 11:37 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Oregon Treasury: Divest From Genocide

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

On April 26th, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund will mature. <u>I urge</u> you NOT to reinvest this money in the bondholder AID Israel.

The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide against Palestinians.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it reinvest the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Sincerely, Sarah Kline

Portland, OR 97229

From: Rachel Mulder < redlumlehcar@gmail.com >

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 11:16 AM

OIC Public Comments To:

Subject: Oregon Treasury: DIVEST FROM GENOCIDE

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

I urge you NOT TO reinvest the \$30.5 million us govt bond into the bond holder AID Israel.

The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide against Palestinians.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.



97202



Visual Artist

redluMlehcaR@gmail.com www.rachelmulderart.com instagram.com/rchlmldr

From: Amanda Eve Sloane <amandaevesloane@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 11:12 AM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Stop funding genocide!!

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

On April 26, a \$30.5 million US government bond held in the Oregon treasury's short term fund will mature. I urge you NOT to reinvest this money in the bond holder AID Israel.

The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide against the Palestinian people.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Thank you,

Amanda Sloane Portland OR From: Otto Norton <otto.norton@pcc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 11:12 AM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** NO more money to israel

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

On April 26, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund will mature. I urge you NOT to reinvest this money in the bond holder AID Israel.

The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide against Palestinians.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide & apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Otto Norton

or 97233

From: Sixti Satterfield <sixtisatterfield@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 10:52 AM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Divest from genocide

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

On april 26th, a 30.5 million U.S government bond held in the Oregon treasury short-term fund will mature. I urge you not to reinvest this money in the bond holder AID Israel. The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an Apartheid state that is committing genocide against the Palestinians. I request that you formally notify the Oregon treasury, that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it revisits the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Sixti Satterfield

Ashland, OR

From: tayelaine22@gmail.com

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 10:51 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Oregon Treasury: Divest from Genocide

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On April 26, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund will mature. I urge you NOT to reinvest this money in the bond holder AID Israel.

The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide against Palestinians.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide & apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Taylor Frederick

Portland, OR 97229

From: Rose City Indivisible <rosecityindivisible@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 10:38 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do NOT reinvest bond in AID Israel

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

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I urge you to formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide and apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits the state of Israel.

Sabrina Solomon ZIP: 97232

From: Jenna Goldin <jenna@shiftaccountingllc.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 10:37 AM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Divest from Genocide!

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To whom it may concern,

On April 26, a \$30.5 million U.S. government bond held in the Oregon Treasury's Short-Term Fund will mature. I urge you NOT to reinvest this money in the bond holder AID Israel.

The bond guarantees loans for Israel, an apartheid state that is committing genocide against Palestinians, thereby making all Oregonians culpable.

I request that you formally notify the Oregon Treasury that it would be complicit in genocide & apartheid if it reinvests the maturing bond in AID Israel or any other financial instrument that benefits Israel.

Take care, Jenna Goldin, EA, LTC

Portland, OR 97220

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From: Sheyla Hirshon <sheylahirshon@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 10:01 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: No reinvestment in AID Israel Bond

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

As someone receiving a small PERs pension, I appreciate your mission to guarantee stability of the funds entrusted to you. HOWEVER, as an Oregonian with a conscience, I also believe that we must balance that mandate with a commitment to human life and minimally civilized behavior. I write now to urge you to sever all ties with Israel until they cease their violent killing of Palestinians and their indiscriminate destruction of Palestinian lands.

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Again, I do understand that your mission is chiefly financial, but this case is so extreme and so out of line with our values that I urge you to take a stand as principled human beings first and foremost, which I like to think that Oregonians are.

Yours truly, Sheryl L Hirshon

Portland Oregon 97202 sheylahir@hotmail.com

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Given all this, I urge you to put

From: Yasmeen Hanoosh <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 9:23 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do Not Reinvest in AID Israel

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Yasmeen Hanoosh yasmeensh@yahoo.com

Portland, Oregon 97213

From: Jesus Alejandro Blanco Fonseca <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 11:16 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do Not Reinvest in AID Israel

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Thanks for your gentle attention,

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P. S.: It's time for abolish the colonial state of Israel from now!

Jesus Alejandro Blanco Fonseca jesusalejandrotribuno@gmail.com

La Habana, 10400

From: Chris Coughlin <chriscoughlin60@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 7:25 PM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Stop Loans to Israel

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Sincerely, Chris Coughlin

Portland, OR 97225

From: Wperry808@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Will Perry <Wperry808

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 12:44 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Public Comment to OIC: Divest from Israeli Spyware Firm NSO Group

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

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 contirbuting 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.	Will	Perry

Wperry808@proton.me

From: Olivia Buscho <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 11:46 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Investing in Genocide? Do Not Reinvest in AID Israel

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Olivia Buscho orbuscho@gmail.com

Portland, Oregon 97214-2930

From: Dee Thompson <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 3:54 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do Not Reinvest in AID Israel

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Dee Thompson foodisthefuture@gmail.com

Portland, Oregon 97213

From: Charlie <charliejohansen413@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 10:02 AM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** Divest from AID Isreal

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

Six months into this escalation in Gaza, it is clear that US taxpayers are funding a genocide. Humanitarian conditions in Palestine went from bad to worse under Netanyahu's administration. More than 13,000 children have been murdered. More than 33,000 civilians have been murdered. Nearly 2 million innocent people are displaced from their homes.

Inhumane conditions for people imprisoned by the Israeli government persist in facilities such as Sde Teiman. People "suspected" of terrorism are being detained in conditions that violate international and Israeli law. https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2024-04-04/ty-article/.premium/doctor-at-idf-field-hospital-for-detained-gazans-we-are-all-complicit-in-breaking-law/0000018e-a59c-dfed-ad9f-afdfb5ce0000

It was wrong for the United States to fund these atrocities from the beginning. The only answer now is to divest from the madness. We must do everything in our power to stop the bloodshed. Now.

From: Zicra Lukin <zicralukin@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 7:24 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do not reinvest maturing bond in AID Israel

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--Zicra Lukin (she/her) From: Joseph Kosuda <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 6:11 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do Not Reinvest in AID Israel

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Joseph Kosuda kujo 1969@yahoo.com

Beaverton, Oregon 97005

From: Sabrina Blindow <sabrina.blindow@gmx.de>

Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 12:08 PM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do not reinvest a bond designed to aid Israel

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Dear members of the Oregon Investment Council,

I urge you to not reinvest a U.S. government bond designed to aid Israel.

50% of the people in Gaza are children. The safe south is now regularly attacked. Hospitals are a legitimate target. White phosphorus is used in the most densely populated area in the world.

I would like to quote the Lemkin Institute for Genocide Prevention, the leading institute in genocide research, would like to quote: "The Lemkin Institute is absolutely disgusted by the response of Western Nations to the crisis in Israel/Palestine. Western Nations have given Israel a green light to commit genocide, have offered direct military support to Israel in its war on Gaza, and have clamed down on freedom of expression in their own countries (...) we are therefore concerned that these leaders are making public statements about humanitarian aid to hide their complicity in genocide and avoid legal responsibility." https://www.lemkininstitute.com/sos-alerts-1/sos-alert---gaza---2

While I am writing this email children are dying of dehydration and starvation. I urge to not be complicit in this genocide.

Sincerely,
Sabrina Blindow

From: andrea portlandrea <andreaportlandrea@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 12:02 PM

To: OIC Public Comments **Subject:** No bonds for genocide.

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Thank you for your time,

Andrea Townsend

Portland Oregon 97206

From: Maikel Corrales <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 10:43 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

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Maikel Corrales
maikelcorralesrodriguez@gmail.com

La Habana, 11300

From: Mary Ann Barham <mab8150@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 9:21 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do NOT reinvest in AID Israel

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Yours,

Mary Ann Barham (she, her)

From: Aram Cleeff <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 5:38 AM

To: OIC Public Comments

Subject: Do Not Reinvest in AID Israel

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