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Having retired from a 30-year position as a public school teacher, I became a grateful recipient of PERS funding. As my career ended, I took a look at the impending climate crisis. I swapped classroom lessons for sidewalk leafleting, teacher meetings for strategic planning sessions. I made banners instead of bulletin boards. With the united efforts of Tribal leadership, environmental organizations, legal practitioners and hundreds of grassroots activists, we managed to keep six proposed coal export terminals out of our PNW region. Often too busy with climate-related activism, I paid little attention to the climate-busting origins of my PERS benefits. Thankfully, socially responsible groups like Divest Oregon and practical lawmakers have taken the necessary climate action in bringing forward HB 4083. I urge you to support the COAL Act.