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Re: Oppose HB 2851-1

Dear Chair Kropf, Vice-chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

On behalf of 350PDX, I urge you to **oppose HB 2851 with the -1 amendment**. 350PDX is a nonprofit that organizes thousands of members around the Portland area who are concerned about climate change and who want to see sustainable and just solutions to this already-present and intensifying threat.

Along with many other organizations and individuals, 350PDX opposed HB 2772 in 2023. The use of the term “domestic terrorism” is extremely concerning, especially in this moment where it is being used against those engaging in first amendment-protected protest. Oregon lawmakers should be working to protect Oregon residents from such domestic terrorism claims, not expanding this law.

In other states and in other countries, similar laws are being used against climate change protesters. While fossil fuel companies are causing disease and death of millions of people around the globe each year,¹ it is the people trying to get in the way of pipeline construction, creatively block fossil fuel distribution such as oil tankers, or keep trees from being cut down who are charged with crimes. The solution is creating policies and practices that are equitable, avoid militarism and genocide, and help reverse climate change. The solution is *not* creating more and more draconian domestic terrorism and surveillance laws to punish those drawing attention to inconvenient truths.

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¹ An estimated 5.13 million deaths globally in 2019 due to air pollution from fossil fuels: Lelieveld J et al, “Air pollution deaths attributable to fossil fuels: observational and modelling study,” *BMJ* (Nov 2023): 383:e077784, doi: 10.1136/bmj-2023-077784. <https://www.bmj.com/content/383/bmj-2023-077784>