Oregon State University Foundation

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**Re: Fossil Fuel Divestment**

Dear J. Michael Goodwin:

As a graduate of Oregon State University, I know firsthand the high quality of education provided to students. I appreciate not only the education I received, but also the values that OSU stands for. The Foundation is tasked with supporting the goals and mission of OSU which includes the promotion of, “economic, social, cultural and environmental progress for the people of Oregon, the nation and the world, “ and, “Advancing the Science of Sustainable Earth Ecosystems; Improving Human Health and Wellness; and Promoting Economic Growth and Social Progress.”

Considering this, I find it contradictory that OSU invests its endowment, and therefore alumni donations, in the fossil fuel industry. Extraction and consumption of fossil fuels pollute the natural environment, deteriorate health, and exacerbate climate change. Though we all feel these impacts, they disproportionately affect poor communities and communities of color, many of which have been working against the fossil fuel industry for decades.

I ask that OSU Foundation divest from the fossil fuel industry. Thoughtful management of funds can help us do this with little or no risk to our rate of return. Students have already raised this issue on campus along with students at hundreds of other universities, giving OSU the opportunity to lead this blossoming movement.

**I will commit to making a pledge (optional: of $X) once the Foundation has committed to fossil fuel divestment.** I believe this transition is fundamentally important to the integrity of this institution and plan on encouraging other alumni to make the same commitment.

Sincerely yours,

Name

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