

**A RESOLUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF
WASHINGTON COUNTY, OREGON**
WashCoDems 2016-012

Regarding Removal of Tax Credits for Oil, Gas and Coal

WHEREAS fossil fuels, specifically emissions of carbon dioxide and methane from the production and use of oil, gas, and coal are known to be major contributors to climate change (global warming); and

WHEREAS the oil, coal and gas industries make billions of dollars in profit every year (combined oil company profits for 2013 were \$93 billion)³ and still receive large government subsidies (\$550 billion in 2013)² ; and

WHEREAS the United States, currently the 2nd largest greenhouse source worldwide, should be moving forcefully toward renewable energy sources and implementation of the 2015 Paris Agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to protect the future of our current level of human development:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY THAT:

- 1) We urge our state and federal legislators to remove all tax credits and subsidies given to the oil, coal, and gas industries.

- 2) We will contact our state and national legislative representatives to advise them of our concerns and report back to the Washington County Democratic Central Committee on their responses.

² - The Guardian, May 12, 2015

³- Think Progress, February 10, 2014

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