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Independent.  
In the public interest.

**Title:** Policy Advisor

**Reports To:** Policy & Program Director/Counsel

**Salary Range:** \$85,000 - \$110,000 DOE, Negotiable

**Benefits:** [PST Benefits Overview](#)

**Location:** Washington, D.C.

The Pipeline Safety Trust (PST) seeks a Washington, DC-based Policy Advisor to join our team dedicated to protecting people and the environment from pipeline accidents. The Policy Advisor will build collaborative relationships with decisionmakers and subject matter experts, write policy recommendations, serve as PST's face of government relations, and provide expertise on relevant issues surrounding pipelines to further our policy goals. A law or public policy degree or comparable experience is preferred, but not required, for this position. We do not expect candidates to have an extensive knowledge of pipeline policy and we have resources available to build expertise.

#### **WHO WE ARE**

The Pipeline Safety Trust (PST), based in Bellingham, WA is a national non-profit watchdog organization on the US pipeline industry and its regulators. Founded in response to the fatal 1999 Olympic Pipeline Explosion, PST has since been a tremendously successful public safety advocate – fighting for basic and common-sense safety regulations, testifying before Congress, educating and engaging the public about pipeline safety, and helping state, local, and Tribal governments make sense of regulations, responsibilities, and levers of power. PST is the only national pipeline safety advocacy organization.

Our mission is to promote pipeline safety through education and advocacy, increased access to information, and partnerships with residents, safety advocates, government, and industry, resulting in safer communities and a healthier environment.

The Pipeline Safety Trust also recognizes that the transportation of oil and gas by pipelines contributes to planetary warming. While ensuring the integrity of the pipelines that run through communities, farms, and natural environments remains our primary mission, the PST's dedication to pipeline safety, ecological sustainability, and environmental justice requires us to work toward a rapid and just energy transition.

#### **WHAT WE VALUE**

The Board and staff of the Pipeline Safety Trust value:

- Public safety and public interest
- Trust and credibility
- Fearless independence
- Inclusiveness and accessibility
- Proactive strategies

#### **ABOUT THE ROLE**

The Pipeline Safety Trust is seeking a conscientious and resilient advocate with a commitment to keeping communities and the environment safe from pipeline dangers including the potentially largest threat from pipelines – climate change.

The Policy Advisor, in this newly created position based in Washington DC, will work in collaboration with the rest of the PST team, located in Bellingham, Seattle, and Portland, OR to advance key pipeline safety policies, educate the public and elected officials, and respond to requests for information. The Policy Advisor will be essential to advancing Pipeline Safety Trust's policy agenda before state and federal lawmakers, state and federal executive agencies, allied organizations, and the public. Since this is a new position, the Policy Advisor will work to develop the scope of the role and work independently as the voice and face of PST in DC.

Key issues the role will advance policy on:

- Regulatory gaps that exist for CO<sub>2</sub> and hydrogen pipelines before the massive buildout of infrastructure spurred by the Inflation Reduction Act occurs
- Long-term limitations regulators have in advancing pipeline safety
- Methane emissions detection, reporting, and mitigation
- Public engagement and community education

This position will report to the Policy & Program Director and will collaborate with all members of the PST staff through various means of communication to advance our mission.

The ideal candidate will also have an active interest in engaging in Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice work; investigating how pipelines impact communities, including impacts related to Environmental Justice; and creating solutions to pipeline issues through the lens of climate change.

#### Core Responsibilities:

- Create and maintain strong working relationships with legislative, agency staff, and key stakeholders on pipeline issues
- Track and prepare written analyses of pipeline-related state and federal rulemakings, policies, and legislation
- Conduct research and develop legislative and policy proposals, memoranda, position statements, fact sheets, talking points, and briefing materials
- Create programs to reduce barriers to allow for more public participation and engagement on pipeline issues
- Build a more inclusive and diverse engaged public
- Contribute to the PST's annual Pipeline Safety Conference traditionally held in New Orleans, LA
- Represent the PST in the media where appropriate

#### Skills and Qualifications:

We encourage anyone drawn to and inspired by this work to apply so long as some of the desired educational or work experience is met. We don't expect everyone to meet all the listed skills and qualifications.

The ideal candidate will have:

- 3+ years relevant hill or government relations experience
- Experience evaluating and analyzing legislation and regulations
- Working knowledge of federal regulatory and legislative processes

- The ability and confidence to work independently
- Experience working productively within diverse and inclusive coalitions, including affected communities, environmental organizations, labor unions, industry, and governmental representatives
- Excellent analytical, written, and oral communication skills

### Location

The Pipeline Safety Trust office is located in Bellingham, WA. We prefer our Policy Advisor live in Washington, D.C. to serve as a resource to policymakers and other stakeholders. The Policy Advisor will work from their home office in DC. Periodic travel throughout the country is expected.

### Further Information

Media coverage of some of PST's current priorities:

[Midwest CO2 Pipeline Rush Creates Regulatory Chaos](#)

[TC Energy Says Stress, Weld Fault Caused Keystone Oil Spill](#)

[NGO Urges Caution when Transporting Hydrogen Via Pipeline Due to Safety Risks](#)

Congressional testimony on PST's statutory priorities:

[Recent testimony before House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee](#)

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Email resume and cover letter to [jobs@pstrust.org](mailto:jobs@pstrust.org). Questions about the position are welcome at that email address as well.

We will begin reviewing applications on August 18, 2023, but the position will remain open until filled.

PST is committed to equal employment opportunities and encourages applications from individuals of any race, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, belief, national origin, or ability.