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NAOMI KLEIN FILM *THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING* TO SCREEN IN MADISON

(MADISON) A new film based on American Book Award winning author Naomi Klein's book *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate* will be shown at the Barrymore Theatre in Madison at 7:00PM, Wednesday, May 25th. Best known for her thoughtful analyses of capitalism and militarism in her book *The Shock Doctrine*, Klein's film collaboration with husband and film maker Avi Lewis will be hosted by 350 Madison Climate Action Team and cosponsored by Madison Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, The Madison Institute, Sierra Club, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Wisconsin Environmental Health Network, 350 UW and Clean Wisconsin. The documentary will be followed by a brief discussion of local issues and planned actions. Promotional Support for the event is being provided by WORT 89.9 FM, community radio.

The film's premise is that climate change is not only an environmental issue, but stems from systemic problems in a high-consumer society that values profits above people. It tells the stories of activists around the world to emphasize that social and income equality, First Nations and landowner rights, and a safe and livable planet are inexorably linked. The best way to change course is through "Blockadia", or organized grassroots resistance to fossil fuel extraction and distribution. "Klein puts all of the economic, social justice, and scientific factors into perspective. The fact that she concludes that resistance to fossil fuel projects like the Enbridge Pipelines here in Dane County is the single most important force holding off climate catastrophe is remarkable," according to Marilee Sushoreba of 350 Madison. "The film *This Changes Everything* lays out the case in stark, human terms."

Coming on the heels of anti-Keystone XL Pipeline activist Jane Kleeb's April visit to Madison, the screening of Klein's film supports the case for organized resistance to the expansion of Enbridge pipelines through Wisconsin and shares effective strategies. Enbridge currently pumps 400,000 barrels of Alberta Tar Sands oil through Dane County every day and plans to triple the capacity of this pipeline, as well as add a second line, sending the total daily flow to the two-million-barrel mark--roughly 3% of the global total daily output. This is approximately two-and-a-half times greater than the proposed capacity of the now-rejected Keystone XL. "It's absurd. We understand that humanity is walking the knife's edge regarding climate tipping points, and we know the danger and inevitability of tar sands oil spills. How can we even consider allowing Enbridge to expand its pipeline capacity in our backyards?" Sushoreba said. "It's an all risk, no reward situation. We believe the more citizens learn about the facts as detailed in Klein's book and amazing film, the better chance we'll have to stop these irresponsible actions before it's too late."

This Changes Everything will screen at 7:00PM on Wednesday, May 25, followed by a brief community discussion led by 350 Madison to organize local resistance to the Enbridge pipeline. The event will be held at the Barrymore Theatre, 2090 Atwood Ave. in Madison. Doors open at 6:00PM. Tickets are \$8.00 at the door, \$5.00 for students.

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