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The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development's study on Fossil fuel-subsidies has been focused on the usage of carbon-capture and storage and whether or not it should be subsidized. I greatly disagree with the usage of such subsidies. A recent study done by *Global Witness* found that a carbon capture plant in Alberta was emitting more carbon dioxide than storing. According to the report it was emitting 7.66 million tonnes from 2015 to 2019 while it was only capturing 4.81 million tonnes carbon dioxide. This is far from the advertised 90% of CO2 captured according to Shell. Furthermore, according to reporting by *The Tyee* "Here in Canada, we hear a lot about the value of pipelines, but the economics of oil infrastructure elsewhere are collapsing. A recent report predicted the \$160-billion global oil tanker fleet could lose 30 per cent of its value as the world shifts away from fossil fuels." As such I strongly recommend: 1) Fossil Fuel Subsidies by defined as any public money gone to financially benefit the Oil and Gas Industry, 2) End this wasteful use of public money and redirect towards a just transition that can include retraining former oil and gas workers to ensure no worker is left behind.

All articles mentioned in the brief are linked below:

[Global Witness Report](#)

[The Tyee - Governments Need to Face Reality — the Fossil Fuel Industry Is Collapsing](#)