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Tesoro Savage CBR  
Agency Scoping Comment  
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Dear Mr. Posner:

As a state legislator, I represent approximately 167,000 citizens in the 18th district. What I hear most often from my constituents is their concern about their jobs and the economy. We are still suffering from chronic high unemployment in Southwest Washington compared to most other regions in the State.

I support a vibrant local economy that attracts new manufacturing jobs and preserves our existing jobs. I've had the opportunity to study the proposed Tesoro and Savage joint venture project to develop, own and operate a new energy distribution terminal at the Port of Vancouver. These companies have a strong and consistent reputation for protecting the environment by going above and beyond most state and national standards. They have an exemplary safety record.

I have also toured the expansive Port of Vancouver industrial area and recognize the \$187 million rail expansion project currently underway there. This is a significant investment of Washington taxpayer dollars designed to attract companies like Tesoro and Savage to our corner of the state.

The proposed energy distribution terminal will serve an important function: to unload railcars of North American crude oil and load marine vessels for transport to West Coast refineries including those owned by Tesoro. Fundamentally, this is about enabling North American crude oil processing in West Coast refineries resulting in transportation fuel for American families and businesses.

I support this project at our local terminal since it will positively impact the region by:

- Providing family wage jobs and substantial economic benefits,
- Supporting energy independence by facilitating transportation of North American crude oil to West Coast refineries, and
- Combining the capabilities, experience and resources of partners with strong safety and environmental commitments.

It is my sincere desire the Washington Energy Facility Siting Evaluation Council (EFSEC) will utilize a fair and consistent process to review this proposal. It is projects like these that will ensure America's energy independence now and in the future.

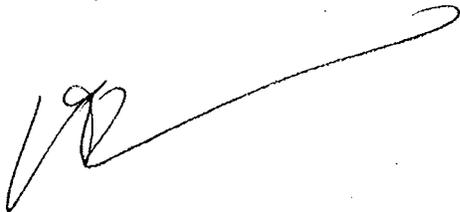
Most importantly, I would request that the scope of the SEPA environmental analysis be purposefully focused on potential impacts from the proposed facility. The scope of the EIS must be limited to those potential impacts directly related to the facility design and operation. I ask that EFSEC consider the following site-specific impacts in preparation of the SEPA Environmental Impact Statement:

- Risks caused by earthquakes
- Spill prevention and spill response requirements that protect the environment
- Ability to comply with state and federal air quality emission standards
- Protection of Columbia River water quality and fish and wildlife resources
- Impact of the facility on local transportation infrastructure and public services
- Facility design that meets all relevant safety standards

I am concerned that conducting a SEPA EIS that looks beyond site-based facility impacts is an overreach that could dilute the core focus on this facility and have a dampening effect on transportation of other commodities, such as agricultural products, which are vital to the economies of Vancouver, Clark County and the state of Washington.

This balanced approach is consistent with SEPA statutes and regulations and will protect the environment while also ensuring the state's ability to grow its economy. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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"Protecting life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness"