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Dear Mr. Posner,

We are writing you today to comment on the proposed Tesoro Savage crude oil terminal in Vancouver. According to Tesoro, there will be an average of 360,000 barrels of crude oil per day being shipped via rail from the Midwest through Spokane to the Port of Vancouver.

An analysis of the project shows that there could be ten full and empty trains on the rails per day to meet the 360,000 barrel a day average, with each train extending one and a half miles. This expanded rail traffic would lead to more traffic delays for citizens and emergency vehicles in our city and in our region; an increase in noise pollution; upping the amount of greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere and increasing wasted productivity. Increased rail traffic also means a greater likelihood of oil spills, which would significantly harm nearby neighborhoods, businesses and native habitat. Finally, there is also a significant public safety threat posed by crude oil shipped via train, as witnessed by the recent crude oil train derailment in Lac Magentic, Quebec that killed over fifty people. As recently 1992 a railroad bridge, just west of downtown Spokane above Latah Creek, was the site of a major derailment.

In moving forward on this issue, we urge to you take the above concerns into consideration and do a full impact study on this project. The citizens of Spokane, Washington, deserve to know just how much this project will impact them.  
Sincerely,

Ben Stuckart  
Council President

Jon Snyder  
Councilmember

Amber Waldref  
Councilmember

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Hi Stephen,

Attached is a letter signed by three Spokane City Council members, my included, regarding the scope of the environmental impact survey for the Tesoro Savage Oil Terminal. We hope you will take these comments into consideration as you move forward.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Jon

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