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Mr. Stephen Posner
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Dear Mr. Posner,

I'm writing regarding Docket No. EF-131590, Application No. 2013-01 to urge the Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) to assess the full environmental and public safety impact of the joint Tesoro-Savage proposal to turn the Port of Vancouver into a major crude oil export terminal.

If approved, the plan would result in 380,000 barrels of oil each day being shipped through Spokane, the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, Vancouver and other Northwest communities. Oil-by-rail is a bad deal for Washington State. The project comes at a steep price for rail communities and the Columbia River, yet offers few jobs in return. Based on the far reaching impacts of this project, I urge you to recommend the rejection of Tesoro-Savage's proposal.

The public safety and environmental impacts of this proposal deserve close scrutiny.

In addition it is against the long term interests of the US to export raw materials. This includes, oil, natural gas, lumber and other irreplaceable resources that our children and grandchildren will need at future times. Exports should be limited to items with a large value added component, such as airplanes, automobiles and machine tools or things necessitated by humanitarian needs, eg food and finished building materials. Then we can strengthen our position and our reputation as a dominant world power while securing interesting jobs for our citizens.

Sincerely,

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