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To Whom It May Concern:

We are against the newly proposed oil terminal in Vancouver, WA. As residents of Vancouver, we live right above the railroad tracks along the Columbia River on Evergreen Hwy and soon will be living only 400 feet below the tracks. We watch oil trains everyday while we are waiting to cross the tracks to our new home site. Sometimes the wait is 15 minutes long and longer. The only access we have to leave our home or for anyone to drive to our home is to cross the private railroad crossing on SE 17th Street. We are seniors and if an emergency occurs, the ambulance, police or fire vehicles may find it difficult to access our home if there is the long delay waiting for the trains. If there is any kind train accident with oil tankers or explosions near or on our property, we would have no exit and would be in great danger as would anyone near this accident. This is just one personal reason among many others why we do not want the oil terminal. Already, we have long oil train cars on our tracks. With the oil terminal that is proposed, more and more train cars containing oil would be added, causing the wait even longer.

Vancouver and the Pacific NW are known for our clean environment. Why would we want to jeopardize our atmosphere now, when we know the only way forward to curb climate change is to offer alternative energy, not backslide to transporting oil and coal through our city and then to other countries. The argument that this would add new jobs, does not justify risking our community and environment and the world for that matter. As residents of Vancouver and the state of Washington, we feel it is time to take a moral stand and make the decision to stop the oil terminal project.

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