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Hello, Mr. Posner. Please consider the attached letter when evaluating the proposed oil terminal near downtown Vancouver, Washington. While our board of directors is not taking a pro or con stance, we do have concerns.

Thanks for your consideration.
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November 12, 2013

Mr. Stephen Posner, interim EFSEC manager,

Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

P.O. Box 43172,

1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.

Olympia, WA 98504-3172.

Dear Mr Posner:

We are the board of Vancouver's Downtown Association. Our work is laser focused on the vitality of our city's downtown core. We have advocated for the things that would make our downtown stronger. We have opposed the things that would make it harder to live, work, and invest in our downtown. Our core mission is to do those things that will help our city center become an even stronger economic driver in our region.

We understand that the EFSEC comment period regarding the matter of oil being shipped to and from the Port of Vancouver has been extended to December 18, 2013. Our board has taken no formal position on this issue.

Here's what we DO want to ask: Please look at our downtown as a place that you might be considering an investment, a vacation, or as a potential hometown. That's what VDA does every day. We ask that you carefully consider the impacts your decision will make on our community and neighborhoods. We ask that you be careful about the odors, the potential chemical environmental impacts, and the safety of the operation. One of our major programs for positive change is the 'Clean and Safe: A Tool For Revitalization' project. It is a litmus test for a number of our decisions.

Very passionate and well-informed people are on opposite sides of this issue. Vancouver's Downtown Association lands on the side of 'please do no harm' to our downtown that will alter its prospects for a vibrant, healthy future. If you would like to learn more about our work and our passion for this special place, go to www.vdausa.org

This difficult decision falls ultimately to you. We appreciate the gravity and the stakes of this for this topic on you as a decision maker. And, we urge you to look at it through the lens of Downtown Vancouver's stakeholders.

Respectfully,

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