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Dear Governor Inslee, Mr. Posner, and Washington EFSEC,
I am writing to you out of deep concern over the negative impacts of Tesoro Savage's proposal to ship 360,000 barrels of oil each day through Spokane, the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, Vancouver WA, and other Northwest communities. I urge you to assess the full impact of this proposal, and recognize that because of the negative impacts, the proposal should be denied.

The public safety and environmental impacts of the state's largest pipeline-on-wheels proposal should be carefully scrutinized. For example, EFSEC must assess:

* The transportation and public health impacts--including the possible effects of an explosion--of additional oil train traffic through communities along the proposed oil-by-rail route. This includes evaluating emergency response capabilities in Vancouver (WA) and other communities along the rail and shipping route. Do we want a community in Washington to be in a headline like the tragic headlines for Lac-Megantic, Quebec, or Pickens County, Alabama? Do we think our communities would be any more safe than those communities, given the volume of Tesoro Savage's proposal and their poor safety record in the past?
* The potential impacts of a large train-related oil spill along the rail route in Washington and beyond. Again, headlines come to mind, like those from Kalamazoo, MI in July 2010. I hope that we can learn from these headlines, and understand that this is a dead-end choice that we must not make.
* The increased risk of an oil tanker spill on Washington State waters and along the shipping route. These risks are both to the living creatures in the water, and to the living creatures on land who depend on those creatures--that's us--fishermen and women, for starters, but a vast number of us depend in one way or another on the health of the waters beside us.
* The project's impact on climate change. This analysis should include climate change impacts from crude oil as well as tar sands oil. Governor Inslee, if the phrase 'added oil shipments' is substituted into a statement of yours, the description is apt: "if (people) burn the enormous amounts of" --added oil shipments-- "that are exported through our ports... it doesn't matter where it's burned, it ends up in Puget Sound. That is a physical fact..."

It is our responsibility to preserve and protect our planet. We must stop investments in fossil-fuel infrastructure, the dirty technology of the past, and increase our focus on alternative energies. Thank you.
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