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**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Reference Application No. 2013-01/Docket No. EF-131590: Please reject the proposed Tesoro Savage oil export terminal project

Dear Governor Inslee and Washington EFSEC:

Jobs. We desperately need jobs. Yet that begs the question, how many permanent jobs paying enough to support a family of four will be created and at what price? When it comes to the proposed Tesoro Savage project, the answer seems readily apparent: it won't produce enough jobs to overcome or outweigh the environmental catastrophe that inevitably will occur.

So let's face facts. No project of this magnitude can be done without a significant negative impact on the environment. The increased rail and sea traffic alone will be problematic. But the real fun starts when there's a major train derailment, a tanker running aground or springing a massive leak, etc., etc. No facility and the activity it generates can operate without accidents indefinitely. The big problem is that once the inevitable accident happens, the environmental degradation becomes indefinite in duration and impact. To this day we're still uncovering new environmental catastrophes caused by BP's Deep Water Horizon "accident."

Please take a moment not as Governor, but as a common citizen, to reflect on Tesoro Savage's proposal to ship 360,000 barrels of oil each day through Spokane, the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, Vancouver and the Columbia River. Oil-by-rail and export by ship is a bad deal for Washington and the entire Northwest region. Under ideal conditions, the project comes at a steep price for communities throughout the state and along the Columbia River, yet offers few jobs in return. In short, the ROI for Washington sucks. (Sorry, but I can't come up with another word that conveys how bad this deal appears to be.) I urge you to deny Tesoro Savage's unprecedented proposal.

The public safety and environmental impacts of the state's largest pipeline-on-wheels proposal deserve close scrutiny. For example, EFSEC must assess:

- The potential impacts of a large train-related oil spill along the rail route in Washington and beyond.
- The transportation and public health impacts of additional unit train traffic through communities along the proposed oil-by-rail route. This includes evaluating emergency response capabilities in Vancouver, where oil trains would deliver and store oil, and other communities along the rail and shipping route.
- The increased risk of an oil tanker spill on Washington State waters and along the shipping route.
- The project's impact on climate change. This analysis should include climate change impacts from crude oil as well as tar sands oil from cradle to grave.

Again, please take off your political hat for a moment while considering the risks associated with the project. I'm sure it's difficult to set aside your political responsibility, but if you can put yourself in the shoes of an average citizen/voter, I think you'd agree the best course of action is to deny Tesoro Savage's application.

Thank you.

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