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Governor Inslee and Washington EFSEC:

I urge you to assess the full impact of Tesoro Savage's proposal to ship 360,000 barrels of oil per diem through Spokane, the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, Vancouver, and the Columbia River. This practice endangers rail and river communities throughout the state and along the Columbia River, and offers few jobs in return; wherefore I urge you to deny Tesoro Savage's proposal.

EFSEC must also assess:

- The potential effects of oil spilled along the rail route in Washington and beyond;
- The damage caused by additional unit train traffic through communities along the proposed oil-by-rail route;
- The 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 increase, at every stage of refinement, of climate change and other pollution by crude oil and tar sands oil.

After carefully considering the risks associated with the project, I believe you shall have the wherewithal to deny Tesoro Savage's application.

Thank you.

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