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NO Oil Terminal

Hello my fellow North westerners, my name is Mitchell Meacham and I am a sixteen year old student at Camas High School. The Philosopher Edmund Burke stated that the only thing necessary for evil is for good men to do nothing. The Tesoro-Savage oil terminal which is proposed to be built in Vancouver is an evil, from its beginnings with fracking In North Dakota, to rail transport, the movement of oil over water, and ending with the burning of the oil to pollute our earth. ~~This is a dangerous and costly process which we can no longer afford to do nothing about.~~

Throughout America, the process of fracking is being used to gain access to oil. What the oil companies don't want you to know is that fracking is polluting aquifers with dangerous chemicals, and releasing harmful gasses into American communities. Next the oil is transported by rail. These oil trains are not only a nuisance as they thunder through our home towns but are also extremely dangerous. This year alone there have been two oil train accidents, an oil train in a rural area derailed and exploded, another derailed destroying 30 buildings and causing 47 deaths. Are we willing to allow this sort of tragedy in Stevenson, Washougal, Camas, or Vancouver?

Of course not, but Tesoro is. After going through the proposed terminal, the oil will take a boat ride down the Columbia. If one of these ships were to wreck it would be a disaster, decimating the lower Columbia River ecosystem. The oil will eventually go to refineries which are also dangerous. There were 28 refinery fires in the 140 US refineries in 2012 alone.

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~~You Might be wondering what all of these things could possibly mean to each and every one of you. I can't say in three minutes how many negative effects there will be from this single terminal, there are just too many. What I can say is that this terminal would release toxic chemicals and fumes into our community. This terminal would promote the burning of fossil fuels which we do not need. And this terminal would endanger us by bringing explosive material by the hundreds of thousands of barrels per day through our towns. Disaster is not if, it is when, ask the families of the Canadians who died last summer.~~

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Tesoro is a company which claims to pride itself on safety, a claim which is grossly untrue. A month ago a

Tesoro pipeline spilled 20,600 barrels, that's over 865,000 gallons, of oil into North Dakota. Also, the Tesoro refinery in Anacortes caught fire in 2010 killing <sup>seven</sup> ~~four~~.

Tesoro-Savage is feeding us a bad deal which is endangering our communities, homes, and families. I urge <sup>EFSEC</sup> ~~the department of ecology~~ to take a wide scope of the effects of this terminal as you will find it will negatively affect everything it touches along the entire process. Every person is guilty of the good they did not do; so we must do what is right and say no to environmental degradation, say no to big oil, say no to Tesoro, and say no to this terminal. Thank you.