

Good Evening

My name is Cecelia Kessel—a grandparent of 4, a former teacher and a long time Vancouver resident. I am hugely concerned about the proposed Tesoro Savage plan to send 380,000 barrels of crude oil daily to the Port of Vancouver – this will be the largest oil-handling operation in the Northwest. This will require 4 to 6 trains in and out of port every single day—through the incomparable Columbia River Gorge—through family-friendly Vancouver and on to China. I am asking the FTSSEC to exhaustively examine every potential aspect of this proposal—from the initial extraction of the oil to the point of its combustion when the CO2 is released into the air we all breath. It seems Vancouver has become the epicenter of the fossil fuel wars-- as Vancouver is also threatened with a Millennium proposed coal shipping terminal in Longview, WA. The negative confluence of these 2 mega-threats will inexorably ~~and negatively~~ alter the livability of the area as well as the livability of the planet. Our community can not accept these assaults.

To quote Washington Governor Jay Inslee: “We are the first generation to feel the sting of climate change and we are the last generation who can do something about it.” This is our opportunity and yours to do something about it.

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