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Subject: LNG terminals

Ms. Anderson I'm writing to urge you to use all your power and influence to block LNG terminals on the Columbia River, and all rail transportation of LNG through the gorge.

These proposals are objectionable for a number of reasons.

First, as we all should know by now,fracking specifically and mining fossil fuels generally are terrible in terms of global climate change. The mining itself, the shipment of the fuel through the gorge, down the Columbia and eventually to China and other ports East all increase atmospheric emissions and encourage emerging countries to continue to rely on fossil fuels instead of seeking cleaner alternatives. There are serious environmental risks of devastating accidents spilling gas into the fragile Columbia river gorge, or onto busy Portland streets.

From a state-wide perspective, Oregon is known as a climate leader. Allowing this sort of industry in our state, where people come for the natural beauty of our mountains rivers and valleys, is inconsistent with our state reputations. Allowing massive rail traffic along our rivers is deeply inconsistent with the Oregon reality.

As to Portland, there are further concerns. Allowing this project to go forward will vastly increase the rail traffic through the city. The auto traffic here has already become horrendous; on the Eastside during rush hour there are already lengthy holdups as rail cars poke though the city. (or stop for up to 45 minutes trapping people in gridlock instead of being able to go home.)

Portland has a definite cache. The hordes of young people who have moved her over the past 10 years have helped to stabilize our economy -- particularly to help stabilize the housing market, and has given us a national/international reputation. All these people are not moving here for the industry. This is not New Jersey. Oregon doesn't have this kind of polluting industry. It is just wrong to compromise our future to allow some international companies to pollute our rivers and land, destroy our reputation, and compromise both our and the worlds future..

Finally, because of the recent drastic decrease in oil prices, there is no guarantee that this sort of project will be economically viable. Why would we allow a speculative, economically questionable, environmentally damaging project to be built in our area, when it would diminish our cache, and potentially our future. We should be supporting renewable energy projects, not dinosaurs like this.

Please don't do this.

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