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To: Planning and Sustainability Commission
Subject: [User Approved] Terminal 6 Environmental Overlay Zone Boundary and Code Amendment

Dear PSC members.

I am writing to request that you uphold the current law that prohibits the transport of hazardous materials, like liquid propane gas (LPG) via pipeline through conservation areas along the shores of the Columbia. Transporting explosive fossil fuels is dangerous and puts our citizens and communities at risk.

Please do not allow Pembina, a Canadian oil company with heavy investments in the Alberta tar sands, to build a propane export terminal at the Port of Portland's Rivergate Terminal on the Columbia River. This project cannot move forward unless you roll back the zoning protection for the environmentally fragile riparian zone where the proposed terminal is to be located. Pembina proposes to extract this gas, transport it on rail trains in the form of Liquid Petroleum Gas captured from their facilities in Edmonton, Alberta to the Port of Portland and then export the LPG on large vessels to Asia – where it will be burned.

The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability has made their position on carbon emissions clear, stating that: *“Carbon emissions from the burning of fossil fuels and from land use changes, including deforestation, are the primary drivers of the climate change we are experiencing today and expect to see in the future. Reducing carbon emissions remains a crucial component of climate change preparation work.”*

Selling the liquefied propane (LPG), bi-product of natural gas fracking not only contributes to carbon emissions but also displaces the urgency to transition to renewable energy. Portland is one of 16 cities in the county labeled as Climate Action Champion. We should be a leader not a hypocrite. Shipping 13.5 million barrels of LPG a year from our city will not help us meet our climate goals – it will only damage our reputation.

I urge you to oppose the modification of the zoning code which would allow the Pembina propane export terminal and call on City Council to take further measures to ban any new fossil fuel development.

Respectfully submitted,

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