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To whom it concerns:

As a retired US Army family, we carefully deliberated where in the USA to finally call home. Portland as an environmentally friendly city with its green spaces, public transit, walkability, and forward thinking approach suited us well. We are now very disappointed to learn that the city is likely to grant waivers to a foreign corporation to completely circumvent city codes meant to protect waterways and habitats along its river. It is unfortunate that the request by Pembina Pipeline Corporation of Canada is even being considered. The reasons to disallow the building of this terminal and shipping fossil fuels through and from our lovely city are many. The reasons for allowing this terminal seem to contradict the city's own stated goals of sustainability and growing healthy neighborhoods.

The Pembina Pipeline Corporation's Third Quarter 2014 Results state in its final paragraph on Page 7, "The Company expects that the West Coast Terminal will provide the growing western Canadian propane supply with access to large, international markets..." If it is such a grand idea to ship this toxic substance overseas, why don't they do it from their 151,485 miles of coastline, which the Canadian government proudly proclaims is "the world's longest coastline? Each year, 80 million tonnes of oil are shipped (from Canada's coasts)"? We do not understand Pembina's requirement to move their dangerous product thousands of miles through regions far removed from where it is being sourced. Their plan would allow for explosive toxins to sit for months in our city, and then be shipped overseas via our valuable, overly stressed waterways. Pembina admits that this terminal will use massive amounts of energy to run and will thereby emit high concentrations of pollutants into our air. It is also a fact that the propane stored here will in no way benefit Portland's energy needs, yet the people of Portland are to take on the responsibility that is inherently built into the movement and housing of this volatile substance. It's incomprehensible that our elected officials seem to have endorsed Pembina Pipeline Corporation of Canada's desire without studying the local environmental and human health impacts of transporting and storing fossil fuels meant for use in another region of the world.

Only recently Portland was the recipient of the Climate Leadership Award in the Sustainable Cities category. According to the city of Portland's own webpage, "Portland's Healthy Connected Neighborhood Strategy: Making Healthy Options Available to All", is a major goal. The Healthy Connected City was displayed prominently in its submission for this highly sought after award. However sound, this Healthy Connected City concept is on paper, in reality should the city approve any storage or shipment of fossil fuels through it then Portland might want to immediately return that award. With this Pembina propane storage compound, Portland's energy use and pollution emissions will increase measurably. Decades of scientific data demonstrates that carcinogens emitted/burned in Asia will as they disperse, drift across the Pacific from China and other Asian countries only to return to us here in Oregon, adversely affecting our environment. By allowing the storage and shipment overseas of any fossil fuels, regardless of how 'clean' we want to pretend they are, we are increasing pollutants in the air that we breathe. Our air, our soil, our water will see further contamination due to the use of fossil fuels, all of which will contribute to our ever burgeoning public health costs. It seems willfully ignorant to consider this proposal knowing that it will cost us far more than the few tax dollars that Pembina is waving in front of the city. We also know that the vast majority of the money made by Pembina will leave Portland, Oregon, and the USA, never to return. The city's representatives perhaps should use their time to come up with ways to assist local entrepreneurs who could provide sustainable jobs and would spend their money locally. It's time for Portland to return to the innovative leader in sustainability and opportunity it once was.

Please dismiss this request from Pembina Pipeline Corporation of Canada and continue to protect our environment and Portland residents' health.

Sincerely,

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