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To consider altering our environmental codes or removing *any* public protections to facilitate a large industrial project requires that one see some *benefit* the project provides that justifies the loss of public protection. In the case of a large capital investor, such as this propane company, the obvious benefit is acquiring a huge profit, a huge quantity of money. But to us, the Portland community, and we would hope to the public officials charged to serve our interests, rather than this company's interests, there must be benefits to Portland that outweigh the damages caused by removing public protections.

Those public officials who have indicated support for this project claim that it represents jobs, growth and development for Portland - by which they mean we can join in the profit-taking by the propane company, and set ourselves up to join other companies in the future.

This is a lie. There are no honorable jobs, no growth, no development possible because this project and its expansions have no future. In fact, such projects deny the future. --

-- If a *small* success is a giant trainload of poisonous, explosive fuel delivered *every once in a while* to be transferred by pipe, treated, stored on the banks of the Columbia, then poured into gigantic tankers to risk disaster at sea crossing the Pacific, and then burned to release massive quantities of carbon into the atmosphere -- then a *great* success will be *many* giant trainloads *every week and every day*. And so success is defined by the multiplication of the harms at every step of the project. Such success makes the jobs dishonorable, the growth a growth of contamination and the development a destruction of our community. Success of this project is a denial of a future for our land, our community and our children.

If you wish to serve the interests of Portland, you must serve the future. We want Portland, its people and its living environment to have a future. Stop this project now.