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Dear Committee Members:

Having attended the meeting Tuesday, I am very impressed with your commitment to Portland. Thank you. I would have been speaker 58.

Because I live in NW Portland, I have always felt rather nervous about the storage tanks in Linnton. Adding propane to the mix is quite frightening.

*Since Pembina has already stated that they might double their storage capacity in the future, (God forbid) if this is approved, how could you limit the size of their operation?

*Is this project commercially insurable?

I also attended the meeting on tanker trains in Olympia a few months ago. Good points were made at that meeting regarding safety, leakage, weather conditions, spills. The Bakken crude leaks 1-3% of its cargo as it rambles along.

*Assuming the infrastructure of the train routes has not been reinforced for heavy traffic. Does Pembina intend to lay track for the transportation over land?

* In Washington, there were times when the track would be impassable due to the weather. Will there be problems in Oregon, and how will they address potential problems?

There were also economic issues discussed. With such volatile products, there is the potential to put the Pacific Northwest out of business. Even without an accident, the limited number of trains out there have already nudged apples from getting to market.

*What is the cost of the food/perishables that won't get to market due to increased train traffic?

*What is the cost of bridge fuels, when they are fracked? By stopping bridge fuels, it will push the economy toward the goal of installing renewable systems.

The huge issue here, and one which has not been publicized enough, is the fact that we are acting as mules for the Alberta Tar Sands. The real question is:

Do we want to contribute to the downfall of Earth as we know it?

The First Nations have blocked Alberta's route out, and they are landlocked. 95.9% of the American public do not want the KeystoneXL Pipeline. Our objective should be to stop the development of the tar sands at all costs.

Let's do it! Let's keep Portland as green as possible. Let's be heroes!

Thank you,
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