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NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

To: The Portland Sustainability Commission
CC: City Council
From: The North Tabor Neighborhood Association
Re: The Permit Application for the Pembina Propane Export Terminal

As a neighborhood that abuts Sullivan's Gulch, The Board of the North Tabor Neighborhood Association has issued this unanimous statement in regard to fossil fuel exports.

“As explosions of oil trains have become more common, we feel that transporting compressed natural gas, propane, or any other fossil fuel through population centers is too dangerous. The PSC, city officials, and the permitting department should do everything in their power to prevent **any** fossil fuel exports, **especially** through Sullivan's gulch, or from the Port of Portland as a whole. Not only is there the direct explosive danger, but all of our carbon reduction goals from moving automobile trips over to pedestrian and bike trips will be negated by even the one propane export facility currently proposed. As a community, we feel that all permits for any fossil fuel exports should be denied.”

From this statement, in regards to proposed Pembina Propane export terminal.

Pembina should be **denied** the zoning code amendment to allow its 50-foot pipeline to transfer propane from storage tanks to ships, as that stretch includes the shoreline, which is in a special environmental zone. This environmental zone is not just for protecting the river and the general environment, it is a statement about how our city feels about **sustainability**. It is a statement that the value of the environment **outweighs** the risk of industrial development. We have other economic models we can pursue that ARE sustainable including solar and wind manufacturing that do not have the long term consequences that fossil fuel exportation and consumption have on global systems.

While cleaner than coal, propane is not a clean bridge fuel as it will come from hydraulic fracking. This process are long term environmental consequences that we are just now starting to understand. This propane also very likely will be used to make plastics in China. This economic model is by its very definition unsustainable. Just because this damage is happening somewhere out of our view, does not mean it is not our responsibility. If Portland, **a nationally recognized sustainability leader** says that it is OK to make money off of carbon sales, then it will send a signal to the entire rest of the country that climate change is **not** important.

The short term property taxes and industrial investment is not worth the cost. The gamble that there will not be an accident is NOT worth the risk as it only takes one to devastate a community, as we are seeing repeatedly. These tanker trains are riding rails that are in need of repair, have little federal or state oversight and are currently having repeated disasters all over the continent. Let us NOT make Portland another statistic.

Hence, We in the strongest possible terms request the Portland Sustainability Commission deny this

permit request. City council should also stand up for our environmental values and deny the Propane Export Terminal permits.

Sincerely,

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