

I am writing to submit my testimony on the proposed Pembina propane export terminal. As someone born and raised in Portland, and who returned to Portland to raise my children, I care about both the safety and environment of our City.

I cannot reconcile the potential safety risks of inviting a company to bring trainloads of explosive gas into our City, the opportunity costs of allowing them to monopolize the Columbia River waterway when their ships need to come and go, and the statement we would be making by hosting and supporting such an environmentally irresponsible industry with the potential “benefits” of allowing Pembina to site their terminal in Portland.

I was at a meeting last night and asked a Pembina representative to enumerate the benefits to Portland of siting their terminal here – he said \$12 million/year in tax revenue and 35 jobs. In my mind, that doesn’t justify the negative ramifications of allowing them to be here. Portland doesn’t need their money badly enough to sell our safety or our integrity. We cannot continue to claim leadership on the environmental and green industry front if we are simultaneously ready to sell our City to the propane industry for \$12 Million/year. Please do not allow this propane export terminal (or any other propane export terminal) to come to Portland. This isn’t our product, we do not stand to benefit from its import/export, and we should not take the short view by allowing outside interests to use our advantageous location for their benefit at too great a cost to our future.

Thank you,

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