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Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission
1900 SW 4th Ave.
Portland, OR 97201

Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission,

I want to take this opportunity to address my concerns and give my written testimony regarding the proposed propane export terminal by Pembina Pipeline Corporation.

I live in the area of the major explosion blast zone threat as it relates to this proposed propane export terminal. This export terminal has the potential to be a major health and safety issue for many of Portland citizens. Also, the number of citizens that could be put in danger will grow as the City of Portland pursues its efforts to increase housing density with infill practices. Since a catastrophic event could cause significant numbers of dead, injured and high levels of property damage, this proposed export terminal seems at odds with city efforts to create a denser housing and population scenario for our city. It may be sound practice to increase our housing density, but not to then bring in an industry that will put citizens at risk.

I understand that large corporations like to down play the possibility of catastrophic events. However, the impossible does happen like the very sad situation of the meltdown at the Fukushima nuclear power plant in Japan. To date 1.6 billion of Japanese tax dollars have gone into the extensive clean up caused by the earthquake and tsunami that resulted in the nuclear plant failure. The cost of a catastrophic event for the propane export terminal is unmeasurable and in my opinion there is no level of compensation that will make the export terminal worth the risk.

Besides the threat to Portland citizen's health and safety authorizing this export terminal is a short sided approach to our climate change issues. I am proud that Portland leads in the area of trying to mitigate climate change. We desperately need to focus our resources on green solutions that transition us to clean and sustainable renewable energy, not on supporting continued fossil fuel products that use of one of the dirtiest and polluting processes to produce it.

Please continue to lead the way towards helping to stop destructive climate change, as well as protecting Portland citizen's health and safety by not allowing the Pembina Pipeline Corporation to build a propane export terminal in Portland.

Sincerely,
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