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Dear Members of the Planning and Sustainability Commission,

I believe that you are people of good conscience who truly want to do the right thing for the people of Portland, and for that I thank you. And I have a simple question for you:

Can the benefits of approving this terminal possibly outweigh the risks?

There are short and long term risks: It does not matter how many safety measures are put in place, there is simply no way to guarantee the safety of hundreds of thousands of people in the "blast zone" and along the rail lines. You cannot guarantee their safety. Ever. Period.

And there are even longer term risks: Have you not heard the desperate pleas from everyone from scientists who paint grim pictures of the future to the children who have to inhabit those grim pictures? We need to be taking drastic measures to STOP fossil fuel extraction and export NOW, NOT SUPPORT it.

Global warming accelerates because fossil fuel companies are addicted to profit and they bankrupt the world's leaders. Global warming accelerates because those companies have turned us all into addicts to feed their addiction to profit. But it is also true that global warming accelerates because small commissions just like yours all over the world are in denial. They placate their consciences by convincing themselves that their little decisions won't have any real impact beyond their local community. They are WRONG. Factually and morally wrong.

Refusing to approve this terminal may be a difficult choice for reasons of which I am unaware. But I know for certain that saying no to this terminal is going to be infinitely easier than living with your own conscience when innocent people are burnt alive or to their death from a propane explosion; or when the earth's temperature burns past the 2° celsius "safe" limit; or when your children and grandchildren look at you with fear and bewilderment burning in their eyes and ask: What did you do to stop global warming while you still had the chance?

Thank you.

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