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Planning and Sustainability Commission:

I am writing to request that you stop all fossil fuel transport coming into and/or through Portland. If the humans, and all other life on the planet, are to survive into the future, it is imperative that we keep all fossil fuels in the ground where they belong. The extraction, transport and use of any and all fossil fuels, including Bakken crude oil creates pollution, toxicity, and direct danger to human and other life.

Oil by rail threatens not only our communities and the health and safety of the City of Portland, it poses a dire and direct threat to the Columbia River and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. This risk was made very clear with the June 2016 derailment disaster in Mosier. Every train delivering oil to a facility in Portland would have to move through the Gorge, putting scenic, natural, cultural, and recreational resources at risk and endangering and/or eliminating the lives of humans and wild and aquatic life. In addition, it puts all life any where along the rail line at risk - and it adds to the already precarious climate crisis world wide!

As noted by Portland's Mayor, Charlie Hales, "If we are aggressive about carbon reduction, we can, city by city, make a difference."

Therefore, I am asking that you **amend the proposed draft to reflect the city's fossil fuel goals:**

- Enact a full ban on all new fossil fuel terminals, large or small. An exception for new facilities that are 5 million gallons or less is unnecessary. The City's code changes should not allow more unit trains of dangerous fossil fuels like Bakken crude oil.
- Strengthen restrictions on expansions allowed at existing terminals by adding binding limits as well as criteria for safety and climate impacts in the City's non-conforming use review process.
- Prevent any aggregate increase in fossil fuel infrastructure in Portland.

Thank you kindly for your consideration,

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