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House Joint Memorial 201

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To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas the number of freight trains carrying crude oil through Oregon has increased and will continue to increase; and

Whereas accidents involving crude oil rail tanks pose significant risks to communities, families and businesses located near rail lines, as well as overall public health; and

Whereas the safety and preservation of Oregon communities and natural areas is crucial to the economic stability and health of the State of Oregon; and

Whereas tanks carrying crude oil by rail should meet the highest safety standards and utilize the best technology to minimize the impact of accidents; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

(1) In order to further enhance safety, the Congress of the United States of America is respectfully urged to direct the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration to strengthen standards for new tank rail cars and require that the approximately 92,000 existing tank rail cars used to transport flammable liquids, including crude oil, be promptly retrofitted with advanced safety-enhancing technologies or, if not upgraded, phased out of service.

(2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional delegation.

Adopted by House February 13, 2014

Ramona J. Line, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate February 24, 2014

Peter Courtney, President of Senate