

Dear Chair Evans and distinguished Committee Members:

I write in support of the bill as it stands, and am sorry that in trying to rush to Committee after work I arrived after testimony had been cut off. Oil Train spills are a serious threat, and I beg the committee to consider the effects physically and economically where rail oil spills have previously taken place. My heart is with the people of Lac Megantic who lost their residents and environment to this accident in Ontario, Canada. The MMA Railway found the costs to be so overwhelming that they were forced to declare bankruptcy, and the government was pushed into the financial position of clean up.

I beg you to seriously consider the problems involved in oil train safety, and urge you to put the strongest bill together possible. Some provisions from the one last Session are removed, and it is hoped that the bill will have teeth for enforcement before harm comes to the great state of Oregon or the river that flows between us and the state of Washington.

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