Dear Members of the House Veterans and Emergency Preparedness Committee,

I'm writing to ask you to support passage of the strong oil train emergency response measures included in House Bill 2858 and Senate Bill 99. Please work to amend HB 2209, which is scheduled for a hearing on February 7 in the House Veterans and Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Oregon has the weakest laws on the West Coast related to oil train emergency response. S.B. 99 and H.B. 2858 would bring Oregon laws up to speed with California and Washington and provide much-needed protections for Oregon communities, waterways and protected areas such as the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. H.B. 2209 is lacking key elements necessary to protect our communities and waterways from oil train derailments and spills. This bill should be amended to include the priorities listed below, which are already in S.B. 99 and H.B. 2858.

- Strong rule-making authority for the Environmental Quality Commission for review and approval of contingency plans and training for oil train-related spills.
- Fees on railroads to improve oil spill response and establish funding for emergency preparedness.
- Adequate insurance for railroads to cover true worst-case oil train derailments and oil spills. (HB 2209 only requires insurance for damages resulting from a spill and fire of 15% of the capacity of an oil train.)
- 24-hour notice for oil trains passing through Oregon to allow emergency responders to prepare.

The Mosier oil train derailment and fire in 2016 demonstrated the danger oil trains pose to communities and waterways along major rail routes throughout the state. These trains have already caused severe damage, and pose further risk to public safety, drinking water, and Columbia River salmon habitat.

Please help us to amend H.B. 2209 to include these priorities or work to pass the stronger bills that already contain these provisions so that Oregon isn't left vulnerable to oil derailment disasters because of incomplete laws.

Thank you,

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Public safety	To stope the damage to the earth and wild life done by oil spills.	Our house in Columbia City OR is approximately 600 feet from the railroad tracks where, if our crooked Port Commissioners have their way, more dangerous fuels will be transported almost every day, if not multiple times per day. Our whole community should feel safe, but we don't.			Environmental hazard		To mitigate future disasters.	I live a few blocks from the train tracks, and live in a community where many homes are located close to the tracks.	protection of Oregon citizens and Oregon natural resources.	Protect our environment. The time is now. Be heroes.		Protecting the environment from ecological disaster after a terrible	Ear the safety of our communities and environment				The extensive combination of disastrous results - certainly in case of accident, and, actually, also from the constant running of poison- filled trains over the earth.	My wife works at St. Helens schools and is close to these trains. I worry constantly about her safety, knowing these trains are rumbling through with little/no oversight. It makes me furious that our lawmakers put the profits of oil companies above the safety of our communities.		than corporate profits.	Our environment and the safety of humans is far more important		Concern for environmental hazzards and/or disasters.		Protect our people and resources!	Additional comment - Why I support oil train safety

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Reducing or, optimistically, eliminate environmental risks to air, soil and water and to humans and flora and fauna species resulting from oil train crashes.		To prevent accidents and spills that will threaten life and clean air and water through the Columbia Gorge and along other waterways and in fragile areas!	These rolling disasters must be brought under stricter control! Every oil train is an environmental disaster that WILL happen! It's only a matter of time.	To prevent oil spills, and to establish effective measures to clean up spills should they occur.	We need a Green New Deal!	Keeping our rivers clean and avoiding oil spills is a priority!	safety of the people in the towns they pass through			To avoid catastrophic accidents!	Safety of the precious Columbia Gorge.	It's kind of outrageous, but I like keeping Oregonians alive and keeping our land, air, and water safe, too.	Inevitable environmental destruction is my primary reason to support oil train safety.		Fire danger	The risk of spills and fires endangers Oregonians.	Ensure future protection for the gorge.		Safety		should have pointed out the weakness in our oversight of oil trains and confirmed the importance of a complete array of strong laws and regulations regarding the transportation of oil by train The Columbia River Gorge is a sight of incalculable beauty and we should protect it with the strongest oil train rules in the country.	The oil train derailment and fire in Mosier, Oregon, in June of 2016

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They can release so many toxins into the atmosphere, even when they aren't burning!				Dramatically reducing environmental threats	SASFETY		It's dangerous and unnecessary.	A safe environment for humans and flora & fauna	I'm concerned for the health of all living beings.	train derailment.	I don't want to see the town of Mosier go up in flames due to an oil			Bridges, and areas where the trains will run.	types of materials. I'm also concerned about the safety of the Rails,	going to take care of spills, fires, and issues that arise from train	The safety risk to Citizens, habitat, waterways,. The issue of who is	especially now that the oil spigot must be reduced fast.	Safety of life and environment is still being left to luck. Foolish,		I'm sick of big corporations running roughshod over everyone and everything in their path for the sake of profit.	for the safety and protection of the animals and people here.	For the health of the environment in our beautiful state as well as	sustainable energy not relying on climate change-causing dirty oil that needs to be transported by high risk trains.	derailments and deadly fires. We should be depending upon clean	Oil trains damage the environment with their chronic leaks,	the threat of global warming/climate change.	We urgently need to decrease oil production and use to address	its former glory. Time for strong protections for what is left!	cannot afford the damage to the environment, wild life, waterways	The effects of even small oil spills lasts for generations! Oregon

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Safety in our communities		Lives and property are at stake, and oil industry CEOs don't give a damn!		To protect our fragile environment.		Damage to the environment, including oil spills and fire	Protect the Columbia!	protection of the environment		Threats of getting ANY oil onto the ground or into the water.	I know that trains sometimes failand I don't want that	disaster		Keeping the environment safe from spills and derailments	To protect people, creatures & our whole environment from toxic oil and chemical spills.	Please oppose HB 2209. Thank you. Deena T. Grossman	Please support passage of the House Bill 2858 and Senate Bill 99.	derailment and explosions because of faulty tracks and trains.	waterways and ecosystems from severe damage from oil train	We must improve oil train safety in Oregon to protect communities,	Major concern for a spill into the rivers.	we need safety and we need to stop oil trains			Public safety and environmental concerns	Environmental protection (public safety is just one aspect of same)			To protect our waters				The ecological and human devastation caused by these trains is horrific. Allowing them at all is dangerous and unreasonable.

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	I think it is only fair to require increased safety to go along with increased oil train traffic. More oil trains will result in more accidents, therefore we need to require better regulation.	In addition to the danger to people, the possibility of an oil train disaster could affect the wonderful treasure of our environment.	potential contamination of the environment	Too risky as it is.	efforts on wind and solar - we should be done with fossil fuels.	It is too risky working with oil - too flamable, to dangerous if it leaks into the environment. We should be focusing all infrastructure			area without robust safety precautions.	it is outrageous that oil and coal trains are allowed is this sensitive		we need to be prepared.	run right next to the river. A spill is not an if, a spill is a when and	Our citizens are at risk from these ridiculously long trains. And they	between the Columbia River and the tracks with no other access.	them in many cases. The trains wedge the Rainier Senior Center	minutes and there is no way for emergency services to go around	population. Traffic comes to a dead stop at crossings for up to 15	Scappoose, literally cutting emergency services off from the	Oil trains rumble through the cities of Rainier, St Helens and

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sturt their pockets from less dangerous threats, if at all. Please, vote for strong laws. Vote Yes for H.B. 2209. Thank you!!	Our legislature has to mount a strong defence to protect us, and	pasture, endangered salmon and and Killer Whales down stream.	Columbia shores and all marine life including our shellfish, ,beef	explosive, poisonous crude oil that would have coated the lower	much lighter log train, not a super tanker train loaded with	crumbling binge because he assumed it was safe. That was a	weather. ODOT had to tell the trai engineer to back back up off the	for mega loads and no longer have creosote to protect th from	partially replaced, leaving ancient beams that were never intended	the trestle that crumbled from rot and winter floods was only	will take pace that blows up their community which certain. Even	adults can't sleep from all the noise as they wonder when the crash	century. They no longer hold spikes downtown. School children and	Columbia River have been buried beneath asphalt for over half a	been given up on, like Rainier, Oregon where rotten ties along the	structures and towns where renewal of track infrastructure has	waters and lands in harm's way. These oil trains traverse ancient	make that threaten the lives of people, livestock, fish and wildlife,	laws that don't demand accountability for the decisions lawmakers	There must be tirm knowledge of the gravity of dangerous oil train

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My family and I are advocating on behalf of the Oregon we love - to protect our state from unnecessary fossil fuel spills and disasters that would harm our natural places and wildlife.		I have lived in Hood River and still travel there to visit. These trains are capable of mass destruction throughout the Gorge.			Clean water		Maintaining the safety of our communities and the environments that exist along train routes.		PROXIMITY TO COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE REGION.	UNACCEPTABLE, AND ALL THE RAIL TRAFFIC IN A NATIONAL SCENIC AREA IS DETRIMENTAL TO AIR QUALITY, WATER QUALITY, NOT TO MENTION NOISE POLLUTION AND CLOSE	ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE TO THE GORGE IS	vote for strong laws. Vote Yes for H.B. 2209. Thank you!!	stuff their pockets from less dangerous threats, if at all. Please,	Our legislature has to mount a strong defence to protect us, and	pasture, endangered salmon and and Killer Whales down stream.	explosive, poisonous crude oil that would have coated the lower	much lighter log train, not a super tanker train loaded with	crumbling binge because he assumed it was safe. That was a	weather. ODOT had to tell the trai engineer to back back up off the	for mega loads and no longer have creosote to protect th from	partially replaced, leaving ancient beams that were never intended	the trestle that crumbled from rot and winter floods was only	will take pace that blows up their community which certain. Even	adults can't sleep from all the noise as they wonder when the crash	century. They no longer hold spikes downtown. School children and	Columbia River have been buried beneath asphalt for over half a	structures and towns where renewal of track infrastructure has	waters and lands in harm's way. These oil trains traverse ancient	make that threaten the lives of people, livestock, fish and wildlife,	laws that don't demand accountability for the decisions lawmakers	There must be firm knowledge of the gravity of dangerous oil train

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	Protecting our water and natural areas	Oversight: Decisioins on safety are being made by people, especially people who stand to profit, who live far from the risks. This is a democracy fail.	Stop hazardous oil spills	Because train safety is GOOD BUSINESS REGARDLESS OF ANYONES POLITICS!	Safety	We need to stop all fossil fuel use!		This is our state, our waters. We do not need companies destroying our environment for their profit		person's lifetime. So we risk permanent degradation and damage to support an industry that we really need to figure out how to	When there is a spill, you cannot ever really clean it up in one	Prevent oil spills	anything but money.	I care about the environment, the oil companies dont care about	danger and dirty oil extraction source		Human and environmental heath and safety.	Incredible danger	Safety our our community!		Environmental and human safety.	Prease Kilow that stronger state raws are needed because the Union Pacific has the worst safety record of all the Class One Railways in our country. This comes from my husband and my 34 years of working for the railroads, 1958-1992.	In 2015 Union Pacific paid 1/3 of the fines collected by the federal rail safety board for the whole USA. Oregon needs tighter laws as the UP runs through the Columbia Gorge. As Oregon lawmakers			to keep our environment clean

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Schools are often near train tracks, especially in Columbia County.	Train wrecks happen. Oil Train derailment causes environmental damage and is harmful to the communities along the train tracks.	Time is short for making sure we put the responsibility in the right hands to protect what beauty, safety, inspiration and health we still have!	Oregon is unprepared and vulnerable for a potential disaster in terms of emergency response, financial security and transparency regarding oil train schedules and passage.	Caring for the environment for the future of our children.	Environmental protection	We are risking our water quality to make money selling a defunct pollutant to other economies.		When a huge accident happens, companies have the easy option of throwing up their hands, declaring bankruptcy, and never paying for the damage. We must do everything technologically possible to improve rail safety now !		Building solidarity with communities along the rail lines to oppose crude oil traffic. We need to keep it in the ground.	The possibility of another fire like the one in Mosier	To prevent any more irresponsible, unnecessary pollution/poisoning of our Earth's environment. Human pollution is destroying Earth. Total insanity!!	Safety for all things living on the edge of the Columbia River.			I live a within what could be a blast zone if there was an accident where Oil trains pass in Hood River, OR and very close to the near disaster in Mosier, OR where we had a lucky near miss next to my dear friends children in school and their homes. I've seen disasters in other locations and realize how horrible this could be for any community or the environment along an oil train route. And every time an oil train passes (I hear screeching train brakes right now as a matter of fact) I still cringe and hope it passes ok. I don't want other communities to feel fear in their homes and work with the public safety risk that could be mitigated with stronger laws.

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	Environmental safety	Business accountability	What happened at Mosier, is #1. But there are many more reasons than that.				Public safety.			Protect our Columbia River waters from dangerous oil spills and leaks.		It's not safe and we don't need to sell more oil products, we need to support renewable energy!!!!		protect ground water, fish habitat, and rail-side communities from spills.	These oil trains run through the back yards of some of my friends. We can't them and their children at risk!	I had no idea that Oregon has the weakest laws on the West Coast related to oil train emergency response. This just shouldn't be!				Oil trains are unsafe!		The health of humans, wildlife and the environment.				Safety and climate	Well the fact that you used "safety " within your questionsanswers the question. Oil spills, explosions- you name it. We expect to be protected from these hazards, not only for we humans, but for the environment.

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	To save our earth!		My family lives within a mile of the tracks.	My family lives within a mile of the tracks.		Safety			So they don't blow up	the job of government.	Oil trains are a known risk to people, water and the environment generally, but can be made safer and diminished in number. That's		We live on the Columbia River. We watch the oil trains roll by. It		Unacceptable risk, small local benefits, impossible to mitigate, visit the tracks and see for yourself!!!			Protecting the environment, reducing fossil fuel consumption, replacing it with clean energy	An exploding oil train could wipe out Oregon state government in Salem.	Oil trains are a danger to the Gorge	To protect our environment and residents of Oregon from the many potential hazards of oil trains.	The health and welfare of our residents and our state.	The health and welfare of our residents and our state.			I don't want Oregon and the Columbia River to be "collateral damage" to someone else's lust for profit.	Water quality.	

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	Oil trains are dangerous and the communities that they pass through need to be protected.	Protect the environment.		Oregon.	The oil train derailment in Mosier, Oregon is a reminder of the dangers of oil-by-rail and how flawed our safety regulations are in			starting point.	have studied all aspects of this industry. Safer trains are a good	county. We want a moratorium on oil transport by train until we	The county and state have not done their homework to insure	Mother Nature made her. She must be protected.	Oregon is just about the last place in the US that remains as	First, the same safety standards should apply to any pipeline. Now,		The Mosier oil train fire should be reason enough to improve safety.	Protect the people, wildlife, & environment; this is a nobrainer!	Protect the environment.	Any accident is an environmental and human disaster.	We simply must stop everything about oil- now! Only renewables if we want a future.		Community safety over big money		We must significantly improve oil train safety, because a spill will devastate our beautiful state. The damage that lax safety laws will allow to happen is too great to avoid improving our laws.

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Safety for peopole and health of the Columbia River Gorge.	I want to protect our environment			Hoping it will lead to the end of fossil fuels.		Oil trains pose a danger to communities and our environment so improving oil train safety is important for their protection.			should be driving all humanity to invest the bulk of our time, money, and good science in safe, alternative energies for the obvious greater good.	degradation is nothing short of an exercise in futility and moral bankruptcy at a time when global and local climate disruption	that put our communities and our environment at risk of further	across North America - not seldom with loss of life - and in ways	Continuing to accommodate the poorly regulated transport of tossil fuels in the wake of so many oil train catastrophes that occur	environment safe. Freedom to pollute is unconscionable.	companies must pay their share and pay for steps to keep our	renewables.	planet needs humans to pay the fossil fuel price and move to	known, fossil fuel will no longer be a viable energy source; the	must be paid by the fossil fuel companies. When the true costs are	especially protect the Columpia Kiver. Fossil fuel profileers must	We must protect our environment from potential spills and we must	making the profit. Oregon is not.	to prevent accidents and pay for preparedness activities. They are	prevention of accidents injuries and deaths. It is their responsibility	simply cannot afford to take the risks the railroads are imposing on	possible to PREVENT an oil train derailment, explosion, fire. We	very close call and a wake-up call. We must take every measure	through towns, cities, next to schools and homes Mosier was a	municipal infrastructure, iniuries and deaths - these oil trains pass	We cannot mitigate the damage from an accidental release,

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	Environmental protection and community safety		The micro risks to humans depend on how far we live from the explosions and fires that are part and parcel of the business of shipping oil by rail. The macro risks are the ones that everyone faces as a result of our putting so much CO2 into the atmosphere. Stop enabling the destruction of our planet's ability to support our lives. Humans are on life support. It's called the environment.			Protecting children and older Oregons.	I live along the Columbia River and witness the number of fossil fuel trains that traverse this highly populated area of Oregon. In addition, pollution from fossil fuels is an environmental problem whether a train derails or not.			