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To: House Committee on Energy and Environment
Senator Karin Power, Chair
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Re: HB 4105- Protecting Oregon Public Lands and Climate - SUPPORT

The train derailment and fire in 2016 along the Columbia River in Mosier brought oil train safety to our attention in a dramatic way. I appreciate the passage of House Bill 2209 last year, holding rail oil transporters more accountable for the transport of oil by rail through the state.

Now, HB 4105 would tighten up some other important gaps in that regulation. Bringing Oregon's laws in line with Washington's laws with respect to limiting the vapor pressure of oil being delivered to Oregon facilities would provide needed safety and consistency.

Secondly, HB 4105 would restrict the use of public, state-owned lands for new major fossil fuel projects like LNG terminals, oil and gas pipelines, and oil train terminals. Our public lands are just that - public. Allowing their use by fossil fuel polluters is not in the interest of the greater good. As we watch the many frightening and increasing effects of climate chaos, we must take careful measure of how we can control the safety risks of fossil fuel projects. Fossil fuels are the major contributor to the climate crisis. We must be transitioning to cleaner energy sources rather than expanding the use of fossil fuels.

I urge you to protect Oregon's public health, safety, and climate risks by passing House Bill 4024. Thank you for your consideration,

Respectfully,

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