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To whom it may concern,

In the spring of 2000 I received a letter from the Williams Pipeline Co. informing me that unless I demanded that they cease and desist they would survey my property for their GSX (Georgia Strait Crossing project). Their plan was to pipe gas across the border at Sumas to Cherry Point, then across the Strait of Georgia to Vancouver Island. I wrote the letter and they did the survey anyway. They would take the easement across my property by Eminent Domain.

I then attended a Whatcom County Council meeting when Williams Co. first proposed the GSX project.

The Council voted against the project pending further details. The EIS (Environment Impact Statement) was rejected as incomplete. Then Williams Co. submitted another EIS. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) endorsed both EISs..

Myself and my neighbors formed a coalition against the project. We attended meetings with Williams Co. and representatives from FERC. We sent letters to all the property owners on the GSX route to alert them to the facts about the project. We worked with fishermen, tribes and others with environmental concerns to stop the pipeline.

After months of meetings and discussions, a meeting was held that was not announced to the public to decide if the pipeline could be constructed. The hearing examiner found for the pipeline however; the Williams Co. legal representative noted a procedural technicality that the Whatcom County Council had failed to deny permission in a timely fashion. I reminded the Chair that the County Council was

against the pipeline from the start. At that point the Williams lawyers got up and left the meeting. About one week later, Williams Co. cancelled the proposed pipeline.

I see many parallels between the GSX and the proposed coal terminal. Again, a few large companies want to jeprodize our county for their own greed. They will probably be supported by the federal government. Eminent Domain will be exercised to allow for more train tracks and infrastructure.

I don't know if public input or lack of demand for gas caused the GSX to fail, but I do know that when the government and big business fail to recognize the will of the majority, they will fail.

At the end it all William Co. just walked away.

All the time and effort that we put into protecting our property and the environment was not an issue.

Therefore; I propose that the coal port proponents offer a bond to cover the time, effort and expense that we have to put forth to save our environment for children and generations to come.

Respectfully,

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