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Dear fellow citizen,

I am a Bellingham resident writing to you in order to share my concern with the Gateway Pacific Terminal proposal.

My family has lived in Washington State for eight generations. We are farmers, teachers, health care and social service providers. We are deeply connected to our communities and the land that supports us all.

The proposed coal train terminal is a terrible hazard to our state's community and environmental health. Not only will it bring toxic coal dust and noise pollution to

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our homes, landscapes, and work places in the near future, but it will also cause long-term and long-lasting damage to our entire planet. We as a local community and as global citizens cannot afford to go forward with this project.

When assessing the impacts of the GPT 1 implore you to consider the long-term affects it will have on our state's fisheries, human health, health care costs, agriculture, environmental clean up projects, lost tourism revenue, lowered property values, and lost jobs.

I personally have much to lose if the coal train ~~is~~

traffic increases.
I work at a high end
inn and Spa in Fairhaven.
It is directly adjacent to
the rail line in question.
Our guests currently complain
about the occasional train
that passes our business.
If rail traffic and pollution
increases, I am concerned
that our business will suffer
greatly.

My work place is one of
many businesses and
employers that rely on
tourism in the area. Please
do not let the allure of
theoretical "good jobs" in
the future lead you to
jeopardize actual good jobs
that are here now.

Also we must all consider
how our collective actions

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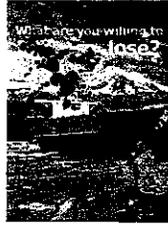
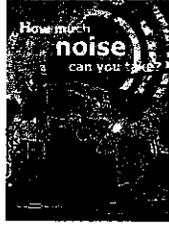
do and will affect the health and future of this planet. Short-term profits (that will be enjoyed by a small number of people) are not worth the long-term damages of climate change and air borne toxins that will burden us all.

When drafting the Impact statements of the Gateway Pacific Terminal include all of the impacts. Please act on behalf of your fellow citizens, your grandchildren, and the life giving planet we all call home.

Please be well and do good work in the world.

Sincerely,

 Maria Jones



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I/we live and/or work in a community close to the BSNF rail line on which up to 18 additional daily coal trains (9 full, 9 empty) would travel if the Gateway Pacific Terminal were built. I/we request that the GPT Environmental Impact Statement encompass the entire transportation corridor so that communities along the rail and marine routes are given due consideration. Questions that concern me, and which objective, rigorous and comprehensive studies should address include:

NOISE: How will the noise and vibrations of unusually long, heavy and frequent trains impact property values and the structural integrity of homes and other buildings close to the tracks? How will chronic noise exposure affect the health and quality of life of people living, working, and playing nearby? *How will the dairy industry be impacted?*

TRAFFIC PROBLEMS: How will the coal trains affect motor vehicle traffic, transportation, emergency vehicle response times and the flow of commerce in communities along the rail corridor?

FISHERIES & THE SALISH SEA: How will tourism; boating; collision risks; oil/coal spill risks; salmon, crab and herring fisheries; orca whales; and the general beauty, vitality, and livability of the Salish Sea and environs be affected by coal port construction and operations, and by the over 950 annual transits of immense coal ships?

HUMAN HEALTH & SAFETY: How will cancer, heart disease, asthma and other health risks be affected by air and water pollutions associated with coal transport and export? How will additional rail and ship traffic affect accident and collision rates? Toxic air pollution crosses the Pacific Ocean from Asia to the west coast of the United States; what would be the local public health impacts of Powder River Basin coal combustion in Asia?

COST TO TAXPAYERS: How much will we, the taxpayers, ultimately pay for costs affiliated with coal transport and export? Will such direct and indirect costs include necessary upgrades and additions to rail infrastructure; safety measures; public health expenses; the building of under- and overpasses and other attempts at mitigating adverse impacts; lost local businesses and jobs; damaged tourism trade; and decreased property values?

COMMENTS:

Please also consider the impacts of China burning this coal. We all breathe the same air.

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