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To Whom It May Concern:

I live in north end of Magnolia near the locks and the BSNF rail line. I am deeply concerned about the 18 daily coal trains, 9 of which would carry uncovered loads of coal, that would be using the rail lines if the Gateway Pacific Terminal were to be built.

The adverse effects of this project seem many too me. These adverse effects would be borne by many while the advantages would accrue to relatively few.

Without minimizing the impact on traffic, fisheries, the Pacific Northwest waterways, and cost to the taxpayers in this letter I am going to focus on human health issues.

Coal dust has been a known health hazard for a long, long time. It is extremely problematic to me that this project would expose such a large population, or even one person, to such a known risk. How will cancer, heart disease, asthma and other respiratory problems be affected by the air and water pollution associated with coal transport and export? In what way does it make sense to ship a fuel known for its polluting qualities to another country there by increasing health risks worldwide?

How will the noise and vibrations of the long and frequent trains affect the health and quality of life of people living and working along the coal train routes?

Most sincerely yours,

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