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To: [PDS Planning Commission](#)
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Hello,

I'm Ethan Freckleton, a resident of Whatcom County. Specifically, I am concerned about increasing risks and hazards from shipments of fossil fuels through our region.

I live here with my wife, two children, and mother-in-law. Previous to moving to Whatcom County to settle down and raise a family, I worked in risk management in the high-tech sectors in and around Seattle and greater King County.

In this case, Risk connotes two important aspects to a family committed to Whatcom County; foremost, the health risks associated with any disaster scenario involving explosions or spills. I hope that you will adopt the revisions proposed jointly by RE Sources and industry stakeholders.

Secondly, I'll share my discomfort with the Planning Commission's choice to remove requirements from the proposed amendments that would require fossil fuel expansions to demonstrate financial surety and insurance coverage in case of harm to the public in incidents resulting from projects that increase shipment of hazardous materials. We should not risk impoverishing our county with liability expenses that should rightly belong to other parties.

My family and I hope that Whatcom County Council will find ways to meaningfully address these important issues to protect public health and safety.

Thank you for your volunteer service to our communities.
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