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Hi. I'm Nancy Vandenberg. Can you hear me okay? My -- I'm speaking as a citizen. I'm an environmentalist, but definitely not an expert. But my main concern is that tar-sands are kind of a new thing and also there is so much increased vessel traffic that's predicted. I was very encouraged to hear that Washington is a leader in oil spill prevention and all the things you're doing, and I think that's wonderful. But it seems that we have so many more risks coming with all this increased traffic and with the type of oil that -- I guess my feeling is that we need to have the absolute strongest possible regulations that we can possibly get away with without, you know, I don't know, causing any -- too many other problems.

I feel like every time I pick up the paper there is an oil spill somewhere and they don't seem to all be taken care of. The cleanup isn't complete and the companies don't seem to take full responsibility. So I guess my biggest concern is that the companies that these regulations need to be written so that they are very -- it's very certain that they are taking full responsibility that they have the financial backing to be allowed to be in our waterways. And that before they can transport things, we need to know that they know what they're doing so we can prevent, and also if there is a spill they're fully capable of not evading their responsibility. So that would be my biggest concern. Thank you.