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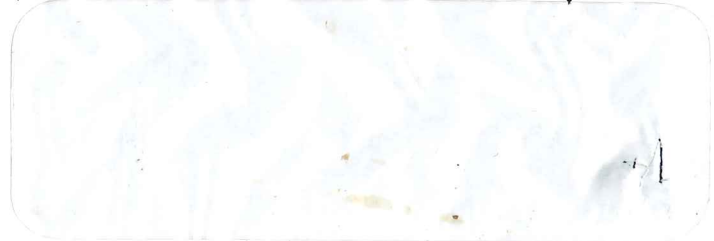
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Dear Diana,

As a former resident of Orcas Is. and a continuing supporter of "The Friends of the San Juan Islands" I would like to encourage higher mandatory insurance levels for refineries, pipelines, and other bulk oil handling facilities.

In my opinion they should also be held to the same standards as tank vessels and barges which is 1 Billion dollars. In my mind they could do as much or more damage as tank vessels and barges.

The Salish Sea is one of the most unique and beautiful areas of the US ~ let's keep it that way ~ a large oil spill would be catastrophic ~ let's not let the oil companies and carriers get away from responsibility by "declaring bankruptcy." Make 1 Billion dollar insurance mandatory. Their profit margins can afford it.

Thank you for caring about your unique and precious environment.

Sincerely,

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