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Dear Public Servants in the Washington State Dept of Ecology.

I am curious why even a fraction of the cost of cleaning up an oil spill in our state should be paid for with our tax dollars.

Instead they are getting away with paying a fraction, while we carry the burden?

Why aren't we expecting the culprits to pay for their own mess? Especially considering no one can ever completely cleans up an oil spill.

These are Our beaches! Our fragile ecosystems! Our salmon, and whales, and starfish, and eelgrass beds entrusted to You to protect.

On behalf of all living things in our interdependent web, please don't be weak, Stand Strong!!