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First and foremost, nature in the Pacific Northwest should not be subject to even the possibility of oil and hazardous material spills and releases, period. However since it's still being enabled to trek through, refineries, pipelines, and other bulk oil handling facilities must be financially capable and obligated to fully clean up and fix such damage they could cause. Nothing is more important to me in our region than ecological health of the land, water and wildlife within it.

The proposed \$300 million maximum financial responsibility requirement for Class 1 facilities is absurdly low. It is not enough. It must be at least \$1 billion per facility.

The Trans Mountain Pipeline's financial responsibility requirement should be increased to at least \$60,153 per barrel in order to address the higher oil spill response and damage costs for spills of tar sands products.

Financial responsibility requirements should prioritize sufficient compensation for oil spill impacts over oil industry profits. Class 1 facilities could do the same as tank vessels and barges which can comply with the \$1 billion financial responsibility requirement through protection & indemnity clubs or mutual insurance associations.

No more externalizing costs onto nature and the public. If the polluters have to pay, all life will be safer and less burdened.

Sincerely,
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