

## Janet Hedgepath

Good afternoon. My name is Janet Hedgepath and I'm just a citizen of Vancouver, Washington. And you know, I grew up reading the signs in the stores that said, you break it, you buy it. I taught my children that they were responsible for their actions. And even when those actions had consequences that they weren't necessarily intending to have. Responsibility is a national value. And yet we've not always extended this value of responsibility to the fossil fuel industry. In this case, I appreciate that the department thought through the consequences of raising uh the financial responsibility limits and that there was some concern about that, yet at the same time, we've all seen the widespread catastrophic destruction that some of these industry accidents can bring and 300 million dollars is not even close to helping restore and respond to those concerns and those accidents. As a citizen, I don't feel like I should have to pay for their accidents. And I'm happy to hear that the industry has done all kinds of things to make it less likely that those accidents will occur, but that's why they're called accidents: they happen. And I think they need to be held responsible for those actions and be prepared to financially meet them. So I'm asking that the department raise the minimums for financial responsibility for the class one facilities. And I know you looked at 600 million, but I would say at least a billion dollars because at the cost of the way things are now, that would also probably not be sufficient to deal with it, but it would come closer. Thank you for this opportunity.