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Dear Friends,

I am writing as a resident of Friday Harbor regarding the Spill Prevention, Preparedness, and Response program. I am glad to see that the Washington State Department of Ecology has already started the process of requiring financial accountability from oil companies in cases of oil spills for which they are responsible. But more needs to be required of them, especially since tank vessels and barges are already complying with a hefty fine through various protection and indemnity clubs. The same could, and should, be required of Class 1 refineries and facilities.

I am especially concerned about the oil from Canadian tar sands. A higher rate should be charged for cleaning up these spills, given the fact that tar sand oil is a particularly "dirty" form of oil.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues.

Sincerely yours,

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