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Honorable Commissioners:

RE: Hazardous Liquids Pipeline Safety Rulemaking

Docket # TO-000712

I need to apologize for the tardiness of my comments and thank you for allowing more time to file these written comments. I have been following the Federal Regulations and find the recent dropping of changes disheartening.

But looking at the WA State level of rulemaking I have several concerns as to where this process is going. I feel the State rulemaking should fall under the Federal level and reinforce their laws. Bring the power back to local control will be troubling since these are Federal Pipelines! The States should take on the role of education of the Counties and Cities. Making sure that the Federal Regulations are followed to the letter. That land use laws are strengthened to protect those residents that live around these pipelines. A rescue plan is in place for emergency proposes. Each County was to comply with GMA laws and there should be a use of the GMA Maps for each county to show where these pipelines and other dangerous utilities are in place. Let's use these tools wisely and get the information out to the public! Education is the key that opens every door!

Are we repeating layers of government that is already in place to protect us or are we just adding more laws that will not be enforced?

Sincerely,

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