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Dear Mr. King,

The risk of an oil spill here in Washington is already great and only growing. I'd like to answer each of the questions you ask:

What is my definition of a reasonably likely worse-case spill of oil?

- What a crazy question. "Reasonably likely" is nothing more than a wild guess. "Worst-case" is limited by our imaginations. I.e. it can always be worse than the worst we imagine.

What is the reasonable per-barrel cleanup and damage cost of spilled oil?

- "Reasonable cost" ...? Incalculable. Better to ask how to make an iron-clad contract with the companies involved that they will pay whatever it costs. And if you can't achieve that, then that awareness should inform all decisions.

What risk factors should the Commission consider in establishing safety standards at private crossings?

- Could start with refusing any risks to human life where the person at risk would have no say in the matter.

With climate change and other environmental and health considerations, it is time to STOP making decisions based on "acceptable level of risk," especially when the risks fall to people without control and the benefits, the profits fall to those who do not shoulder the human and environmental costs. A major shift in approach is called for. Now.

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