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Cassi Marshall – 521 NE 17th Avenue, Camas, WA 98607

My name is Cassi Marshall. I live in Camas, WA and work in neighboring Washougal. The railroad lines that travel through the Columbia River Gorge run right through both of these southwest Washington cities – We are rail communities at the Gateway to the Gorge.

I am here today to voice continued opposition to any projects that would bring an increase in dangerous rail traffic through Camas and Washougal – of critical and current concern is the proposal to haul huge quantities of coal through the Gorge on its way to Longview.

I work in the Superintendent's Office at the Washougal School District. I'm not here speaking on behalf of the District, but rather, as a concerned district employee and community member. Our office looks directly across the street to the tracks, just a stone's throw away. While I do have health and safety concerns for myself and my co-workers, of MUCH greater importance is the proximity of many of our district's schools to the tracks. I've seen the dust blow off the coal cars in the Gorge – it's a windy area. I've also been stopped many times at Washougal's at-grade track crossings. The delays are annoying for commuters like myself, but could be catastrophic if involving emergency response.

The DEIS did not do a good enough job of taking into consideration the impacts of coal dust and traffic delays on rail communities like Washougal and Camas. These are major health and safety concerns that simply were not addressed sufficiently.

I'm asking you to take a very serious look at the potential impacts along the ENTIRE proposed transport route. The health of our communities is at stake. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cassi Marshall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.