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Dear Army Corps of Engineers, Dept. of Ecology and Cowlitz County,

Hi, my name is Carly Marshall and I'm a senior at Camas High School and a member of the Math Science and Technology magnet program.

Camas is my home. And I am worried. I do not want Coal trains traveling through our community. I do not want to worry about the effects on my grandpa, my brother, my cousins, my friends, or anyone else in Camas.

Camas is a great place to grow up. I love our parks and trails and downtown. I love spending time outdoors and being active. I've played soccer since I was 5. If someday I decide to return and maybe even raise my kids here, I still want Camas to be the community it is today, not degraded by coal.

Why are we still talking about burning coal or shipping it for others to burn? No one, who isn't profiting from it, wants coal anymore. It's ridiculous that we're still burning coal, and even more absurd to think of continuing that in the future. Coal is an archaic energy source. This is the 21st century and we can do better.

In 2 days I will be 18. In 50 years and two days, I will be 68, hopefully enjoying retirement. But will I even recognize our world? Will it still even be livable? According to the latest IPCC report put together by our world's best climate scientists, if we keep burning coal and other fossil fuels, then in 50 years the world will most likely be 5 degrees hotter maybe even 7, the oceans will be much more acidic, sea levels will be rising, biodiversity will be degraded to a dangerous level, we'll be fighting much more extreme weather, food may be scarce, and who knows what that may mean for war and other conflict.

If we care at all about our future, why are we even considering anything to do with coal at this point? Speaking for my generation, we - **need - help!** We *can* do better than this export proposal. We *deserve* better. Thank you.

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