



Millennium Bulk Terminals NEPA EIS  
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To whom it may concern:

My name is Rich Gushman and I am the president of Gibbs & Olson, an engineering and land surveying firm, located in Longview. I grew up in Cowlitz County and returned upon completing college to raise my family and to be a part of implementing projects that improve the quality of life in our community.

The majority of Gibbs & Olson's projects include replacing and extending public infrastructure which improves service, reliability, and quality of life within Cowlitz County. Over the past 27 years, I have seen significant changes in the permitting process for infrastructure and large commercial and industrial projects. Obtaining permits today is much more expensive and time consuming than it was when I began my career. Our current permitting process is both too expensive and lengthy. However, a benefit of the current process is that proposed projects are thoroughly vetted, real risks are identified and solutions to mitigate and minimize these risks are incorporated into final project designs. This is why I am confident that the Millennium coal export project is good for our community.

The environment is important to me and my family. Each year we enjoy fishing for fall Chinook on the Columbia River. The last thing I want to see is something that threatens our ability to catch these prized fish and enjoy our time on the water. While there is never "zero" risk, the risks associated with the Millennium project have been identified and addressed in preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and these risks will be mitigated in the final facility design. I appreciate the thorough review that you have done and take comfort in your findings that we can have this terminal and our fish resources are still protected.

I fully support the permitting of the Millennium Bulk Terminals coal export terminal. Between the county, state and federal reviews, this project has been thoroughly vetted and needs to move onto the construction stage. I urge you to complete the Final EIS and move forward with permitting. This project is just one example of how we can improve our community, by creating opportunities for our citizens, and improving our quality of life.

Respectfully,  
Rich Gushman