



June 24, 2016

Office of Governor Jay Inslee
Office of the Governor
416 Sid Snyder Ave. SE
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Dear Governor Inslee:

Please find attached a letter from eight regional and national environmental groups requesting you inform Canadian officials of Washington State's opposition to the expansion of the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain pipeline.

Enclosed are also more than 35,000 letters on a flash drive from Friends of the Earth activists requesting your opposition to the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion due to its threats to the Southern resident orcas and our climate. A template of the letter is set out below and has also been shared with our activists' Members of Congress.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this important issue. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 510-900-3144 or mkeever@foe.org or Fred Felleman, Northwest Consultant for Friends of the Earth at 206-595-3825 or felleman@comcast.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MKeeper".

Marcie Keever
Oceans & Vessels Program Director

Template of enclosed activist letters to Governor Inslee:

To: Members of Congress and Washington Governor Jay Inslee

Subject: Oppose the Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion!

I just found out that Canada's National Energy Board gave provisional approval to the Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion proposal and put the American northwest at risk for a catastrophic oil spill. If the Trans Mountain Pipeline is approved, it would triple the barrels of tar sands being transported from Alberta to Burnaby and increase the number of oil tankers in the Salish Sea from one per week to one per day! This is an unacceptable risk to our ecosystem, our community and the people and animals that call this region home. With the precarious condition of the endangered Southern Resident Killer Whale community in the Salish Sea, this increased threat of oil spills must be addressed by both Washington State and the U.S. Congress.

The U.S. needs to tell the Trudeau government in Canada that it opposes the Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion before its final decision in December of this year. The U.S. and Washington State governments have yet to fully engage in the decision-making process, merely commenting on the mitigation measures proposed rather than opposing the massive increase in oil spill and climate risks the tar sands pose.

I am asking you to stand up for the Salish Sea and oppose the expansion of the Trans Mountain Pipeline today!

Thank you.

Sincerely,