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My name is Dee Dee Lively-Andrews and I live at 80366 Quincy Mayger Road.

I am bewildered and dismayed at the fact that the Columbia County Planning Commission is still open to the possibility of a huge refinery on land that is not suitable for that purpose.

I realize that the lease payments from NEXT/NXT have been a nice boost for the county coffers, but this entire concept has been a continuous irritation, frustration, and source of unhappiness and great concern for me, my husband, our neighbors and very, very many of the people who reside on Quincy Mayger Road.

Port Westward is beautiful, despite there being a couple of small industrial plants there already. The land at and around "Port Westward" has been used for farming for generations and this proposed monstrosity will do, and has already done, much damage to family farmers in the area. You may not have heard the testimony some have given at the various meetings we have attended trying to help you understand that the land should benefit the people, especially the locals of North Columbia County, not simply the government. I am aware of other suggested uses for that land which would not harm the flora, fauna, and humans who live and work there. Perhaps you should hold a meeting for residents of the county and find out what they might like to see happen with the Port Westward property. I've already heard a couple of suggestions that would bring in a nice revenue for the Port.

The idea of this proposed railyard is preposterous: it is totally against reason and common sense when you take into consideration the many permits and proposals that have already been denied.

As you have already been informed by local residents from Clatskanie to Mayger, the trains that NXT proposes to use will necessitate destruction of farmland, major water issues for both drinking and farming, probable "entrapment" of residents along Quincy-Mayger road by long trains and any number of unforeseen difficulties.

I implore you – let go of this pipe dream and use some common sense regarding the Port Westward property. And by common, I mean one of the original meanings of the word: belonging to or shared by, two or more people. Since the property at and near Port Westward is not necessarily shared by those of you on the Port Commission nor will you be personally affected by the various possible uses of the property, as our

representatives, you should be listening to those of us who do live and work near, and even on, this affected property. That is not simply my opinion, but the opinion of many who do live and work out here.

Thank you for your time.

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