PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED: SAFE RAIL COMMUNITIES IN CANADA

We, the undersigned residents of Canada, draw the attention of the House to the following:

THAT since 2009 there continues to be an alarming increase in the number of vulnerable tank cars carrying crude oil and other hazardous materials by rail through Canadian communities.

THAT over the last five years, the federal budget for rail transport safety has been reduced by more than 20%.

THEREFORE, we call on the Government of Canada to:

1) Follow through on an enhanced tank car standard for the transportation of crude oil and other hazardous goods, as suggested in Protective Direction No. 34, under section 32 of the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act (1992).

2) Reverse the budget cuts for rail transport safety to strengthen government oversight of the rail Safety Management System and increase the number of rail inspectors who audit safety systems, trains, and rail infrastructure.

3) Require industry to invest in the exploration of ways to reduce the volatility of Bakken crude, including the possibility of partial refinement at its source.

4) Require both railways and shippers to carry sufficient insurance to cover the true costs of an accident, spill, or derailment through densely populated neighbourhoods.

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