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The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nick J. Rahall, II
Ranking Member, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
2163 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member Rahall:

I respectfully request that the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee hold an oversight hearing on the issue of trains carrying crude oil.

Several recent tragic incidents involving trains carrying crude oil in North America compel Congress to take an active role in ensuring our communities are safe. I am particularly concerned about this issue because many trains carrying crude oil pass through communities in my District on their way to refineries in Northwest Washington.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I appreciate your continued commitment to safety and I look forward to continuing to work with you on this issue.

Sincerely,



Rick Larsen
Member of Congress
Washington State, 2nd District