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Re Kinder Morgan

Dear Fellow Friends of Beautiful British Columbia

I oppose this project with every ounce of my soul and all that's left of my energy.

Today I was sent an email from one John Hunter, an engineer who would appear to be in the pay of the

other side of the issue however, if I'm wrong on that, as you will see from this excerpt from the letter, he might as well be. It went to a very large list of politicians and journalists.

**John Hunter said**

**"I would also remind residents of three facts that you will never hear from the anti-oil types:**

**Firstly, in the century-plus of oil tanker operations in B.C. waters - much or most of it before radar, GPS, double hulls, coastal pilot, escort tugs, and so on - the only spill incident from an oil tanker in B.C. waters was a loading accident with canola oil in Vancouver Harbour.**

**Secondly, there has never been a serious incident with a crude oil tanker in Canadian waters, other than war related. There have been tanker fuel oil spills, the two major ones being on the East Coast decades ago.**

**Thirdly, oil tankers in Canadian waters have been so safe that they ply the Great Lakes, the source of drinking water for several U.S. states and Ontario.**

**This is no guarantee there will never be an incident, but this does to me suggest it is a bit early to set our hair on fire."**

**This is my response only altered here to eliminatd a typo changing a word from "their" to "they're".**

**I would like to emphasize Mr. Hunter's last line and note his use of the word "incident" which is so typical of oil company "soft soap" as they do when substituting "Oil Sands" for "Tar Sands". Much more**

important is the absence of any distinction made between "oil", "crude oil" and the hugely destructive "bitumen" to be carried by Kinder Morgan, a substance that gives an entire new meaning to a spill or collision. I suggest you would find it instructive to Google KALAMAZOO SPILL to see the difference.

### **Here is my reply to John Hunter**

"What misleading crap. There has never been anything remotely like the volume to space situation there will be in the Salish Sea and the fact Mr Hunter and his oily and political pals avoid like the plague is that an ongoing risk is an accident waiting to happen. Toss the penny once, 50/50 but keep on tossing and you'll soon have a head.

Moreover, none of these pollyannas with stakes in the outcome mention we're talking Bitumen here and unless they're Glenn Miller fans, may never hear the word Kalamazoo. Nearly 7 years have passed since that "minor" spill as accident prone, careless Enbridge called it, and it's still not cleaned up and likely never will. Please spare us the bullshit about "world class" cleanup methods - we have eyes to see.

None of the politicians or their hired hands dare understand the truth - this is our home. We value what God gave us for our children as highly as any

symbol means to other Canadians. You don't share our values, never have and obviously are incapable of doing so.

To perpetuate Alberta's Tar Sands and do what the Prime Minister told us in Paris was evil, a word from his supporters in CAPP straightened him out, to keep Alberta and big capital happy we are asked to sacrifice what BRITISH COLUMBIA is all about. I am a very old man and angry as hell. As a BC minister for constitutional affairs during the Patriation exercise of Trudeau, Major, I watched Alberta ministers from Lougheed down sneer at equalization for less well endowed provinces in Atlantic Canada and here they are now, with a begging bowl in one hand and a dagger in the other demanding that we pledge the very essence of our province to secure Alberta's demand to pollute the atmosphere. Somehow they are the good Canadians and we are the bad ones.

You can all go to hell.

The very last thing I want to see is anyone hurt but - and I mean this - I would gladly sacrifice the little time I have left if it would help my beloved birthplace be saved from this assault by the bullies who have no soul and don't understand a word of what I've said. I call on all good people to help us in our fight against our own fellow citizens.

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Friends,

The already strong and well organized resistance is growing dramatically and I urge you all to get involved. The oil industry and their subsidized lackeys in both governments and Postmedia papers don't understand how we feel about British Columbia - please help them by protesting in every non violent way until they do get it and go away.

Yours for Beautiful British Columbia,

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