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Dear Robin:

We are writing to urge Port Metro Vancouver to engage in a comprehensive, independent health assessment of the impact of the proposed coal transportation project brought by the Fraser Surrey Docks which is currently under review.

Citizens and local governments in Metro Vancouver have raised serious concerns about the potential health impacts of this project. The medical officers of health for both Vancouver Coastal Health and Fraser Health have called for an independent health assessment. We strongly encourage you to agree to these requests.

The New Democratic official opposition supports B.C.'s coal industry and B.C. coal exports. Over 5,000 British Columbians around the province work and support their families through coal mining and many more are employed in the transportation and export of this valuable commodity product. Its value to the provincial economy is unquestioned. The record of Port Metro Vancouver as a gateway for Canadian trade is also unquestioned.

However, ignoring the very real public concerns that have been raised concerning this project threatens to tarnish the Port's reputation and undermine its credibility as a regulator.

A comprehensive, independent health assessment of the impact of this project brought by the Fraser Surrey Docks will address the legitimate questions being raised and serve to enhance the Port's role as a regulator.

Yours truly,

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