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Dear Managers and Counsel,

I trust this message finds you well. However, I must express my deep reservations regarding the current trajectory of industrialization in Clark County. The urgency of this matter cannot be overstated, and I implore you to consider the gravity of our situation.

Your repeated assurances of “trust us” ring hollow as we witness the relentless push for

industrial expansion. While you claim to champion environmental causes and advocate for the welfare of our community, your actions tell a different story. The citizens of Clark County deserve more than mere platitudes; we demand transparency, accountability, and genuine concern for our well-being.

Allow me to draw your attention to the residents of the eastern end of Chelatchie Prairie. We stand at the epicenter of your proposed industrialization along the 33 miles of railroad track. The stakes are high, and the consequences are far-reaching. Our pristine forested lands, home to protected species and vital water sources, are under siege. Streams teem with Coho, Steelhead, and other fish, while the headwaters of the Troutdale Aquifer provide clean water to thousands of Clark County residents. Yet, your rhetoric dismisses these concerns as inconsequential.

Clark County's insatiable appetite for gravel mines is equally alarming. With 875 active mines in Washington State alone (not counting those across the Columbia River), the demand now stands at 876... no, 877... no, 878! Such reckless pursuit of industrialization cannot be the solution. Trusting blindly in your decisions, especially when backed by hefty financial investments, is a perilous path. As my college Statistics 101 professor once quipped, "Tell me what you want it to say, and we can write the report." Let us not fall victim to such manipulation.

Federal investigations loom large, and our own County Attorney deems us non-compliant with the law. Yet, you forge ahead, seemingly impervious to reason. Must we sacrifice our safety, economy, and environment to turn Clark County into the Detroit of the West Coast?

I urge you to reconsider. The FRDU, the Railroad, and the sprawling mines at the headwaters of our drinking water do not align with our county's best interests. It is time to prioritize the well-being of our citizens over short-term gains.

With utmost concern,

John E. Nanney
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Laws have been built on the shoulders of our parents and grandparents, through the sweat, tears, and lessons learned over decades of mistakes and successes for the betterment of humanity and our posterity.

"All governments suffer a recurring problem: Power attracts pathological personalities. It is not that power corrupts but that it is magnetic to the corruptible." FRANK HERBERT

"Evil is powerless if the good are unafraid." RONALD REAGAN