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Dear Governor Inslee, Governor Kotek, and Governor Newsom,

We write to follow up on our [October 24th letter](#) requesting opposition to the proposed GTN XPress fracked gas expansion project. TC Energy is requesting federal authorization to increase the amount of fracked gas flowing through our region in the Gas Transmission Northwest (GTN) pipeline. If completed, this project will deepen reliance on fracked gas and increase greenhouse gas pollution significantly.

In November, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) released its final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for GTN XPress. In response, the Attorneys General of Washington, Oregon, and California filed comments explaining that FERC drastically underestimated the project's downstream greenhouse gas emissions. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency also criticized FERC's refusal to calculate the project's upstream emissions.

Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden recently sent a letter urging FERC to deny GTN XPress because it is “incompatible with climate objectives and is not in the public interest.” Now, it is crucial for our governors to denounce the project and stand by our region’s commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

TC Energy’s Keystone oil pipeline just experienced its worst spill in nearly a decade—leaking 600,000 gallons of oil in Kansas after the company increased pipeline capacity. TC Energy cannot be trusted to build and maintain pipelines, and should not be allowed to increase the gas capacity of the GTN pipeline. Tribes and our communities have spoken: they do not want to bear the burdens of an expansion designed to benefit gas producers. Will you stand with them?

Time is of the essence—FERC could make its decision as early as next month. Submitting your opposition to this project to FERC’s docket will have a significant impact on this campaign and show your constituents that you stand firm against expanding the fossil fuel industry.

Sincerely,

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