

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Murray Auchincloss  
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Dear Mr. Auchincloss,

We are writing to you with concern regarding the recent leak in the Olympic Pipeline, operated by BP North America (BP). This critical piece of infrastructure runs more than 400 miles and provides a variety of energy sources, including petroleum, up and down the Pacific Northwest.

On November 11, 2025, a farm in unincorporated Snohomish County, Washington discovered a sheen in a drainage ditch and alerted BP of the spill. In response, BP excavated the site to investigate the cause of the leak and between November 16 and 18, 2025, shut off potentially affected pipelines causing concern about a fuel shortage for Seattle–Tacoma International Airport. As a result, Governor Ferguson declared an emergency and secured a waiver to allow truckers to transport jet fuel to the airport. Our understanding is that BP was able to partially restart the pipeline November 25, 2025, and then fully resumed operations on December 1, 2025.

While we are relieved that the pipeline is now operational, this malfunction jeopardized airline operations, farmlands, water safety, wildlife habitat, and public health. Further, we are concerned because this spill is part of a decades-long history of spills and ruptures in the Olympic Pipeline. If this meets the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration’s threshold for a significant incident, this will mark the fourth significant incident that has occurred along this pipeline since 2023. This recent incident reduces our faith in BP to properly maintain pipeline infrastructure and detect leaks in real-time.

Washington residents depend on BP’s ability to vigorously maintain and monitor its pipelines to prevent leaks that are hazardous to the public and the environment, jeopardize gas price stability, and threaten cancellations at airports.

In light of these concerns, we accept the briefing offered by BP North America and request answers to these questions in written form by January 8, 2026:

- What volume of refined products did the November 11, 2025 leak release?
- What efforts are BP North America and the Olympic Pipeline undertaking to determine the full extent of refined products that may have leaked into surrounding water sources or soil?
- Provide an outline of BP’s plan to remediate any contamination, including the timeline for these activities and an assessment of local businesses or residences impacted.
- Do you commit to timely public disclosure of all spill data, such as volume, location, environmental sampling results, and remediation efforts, for review by public and relevant state and local agencies? If so, what is your projected timeline for this information disclosure?
- Provide a complete list of spills and volume spilled since November 25, 2005 from any pipelines owned by BP in Washington State.

- What corrective measures will BP North America and the Olympic Pipeline take to reduce future spill risk?
- Do you commit to fully cooperating with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to determine the cause of the leak and make any necessary corrective actions?
- Do you commit to fully cooperating with the Washington Department of Ecology for assessment of the extent of the spill as well as all clean-up operations?
- The Washington Department of Ecology issued a \$3.8 million fine for the 2023 Olympic Pipeline leak in Conway, WA. Following that leak, how did BP update its monitoring and maintenance practices?
- Since the 2023 leak in Conway, has BP found any other leaks along the Olympic pipeline? Is there a connection between the 2023 leak in Conway, or any subsequent leaks, and this one?
- Governor Ferguson's emergency declaration following the shutdown of the Olympic Pipeline highlights the need to develop further emergency plans to service airline operation needs in the event of future fuel incidents. Do you commit to working with the state and relevant transit authorities to address emergency planning needs?

Given the history of the Olympic Pipeline, Washington residents must have confidence that BP is treating this most recent leak with all due seriousness. The Olympic Pipeline is an essential piece of infrastructure to our region. We hope you share our goal of ensuring that it is also reliable and secure for the sake of the Pacific Northwest's residents and environment. We look forward to your response regarding your plans to address this leak and prevent future spills. We appreciate your prompt attention to our questions.

Sincerely,



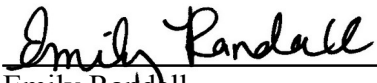
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