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November 22, 2017

Mr. Warren Buffett, Chairman, President and CEO  
Berkshire Hathaway Inc.  
3555 Farnam Street  
Omaha, NE 68131

### Re: Please Save the Adirondack Park from Becoming an Oil Train Junkyard

Dear Mr. Buffett:

Please save the world famous and unique Adirondack Park from becoming host to an oil train junkyard.

The Adirondack Park was established in 1892 and is arguably the first and biggest public-private wilderness and landscape conservation project in the United States. The *New York Times* called the Adirondack Park a “Central Park for the world.” The Adirondack Park contains six-million acres and is a mixture of publicly- and privately-owned land. The publicly-owned lands are protected by Article XIV of the New York State Constitution as “Forever Wild” wilderness.

Berkshire Hathaway subsidiaries (Marmon Group, Union Tank Car Company, Procor and North American Tank Line) have hired Iowa-Pacific Holdings to store their obsolete oil tanker cars. Regrettably, the rail line on which Iowa-Pacific has chosen to try and store up to 2,000 obsolete tank cars, including many belonging to Berkshire Hathaway subsidiaries, is inside the protected boundary of the Adirondack Park on state owned lands immediately adjacent to the headwaters of the Hudson River. This portion of the Adirondack Park is traversed by a long defunct rail line that was created during World War II for a limited period of time only for the purpose of transporting strategic minerals (titanium) needed for the war effort. The urgent national strategic need for this rail line has long since lapsed.

As its Chief Executive Officer, I urge you to direct Berkshire Hathaway and its subsidiaries to have all of their oil tanker cars removed from the Adirondack Park...and to keep them out permanently. Not only is the storage of these cars in this location wrong and (we believe) illegal, their presence is starting to generate negative coverage in the *New York Times* and other media.



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New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the affected towns and counties in the Adirondacks now publicly oppose the storage of these oil tanker cars in the Park, as should you.

These junked oil tankers are not only unsightly, they also threaten the waters and lands of the surrounding area, and the success of the Adirondack Park as a tourist destination. Rust and residual petroleum products from these tankers could potentially be released into the soil and adjacent waters. In addition, no one wants to paddle or hike along miles of junk tanker cars.

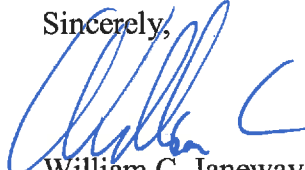
The Adirondack Park is a national treasure. It contains globally unique plants and animals, over 11,000 lakes and ponds and the largest Boreal Forest in the world. It is home to 130,000 full-time residents, and more than 12-million people visit the Adirondacks annually for its scenic beauty, solitude and year-round recreational opportunities. The Adirondack Park hosted the 1932 and 1980 winter Olympic Games. **The Adirondack Park should not host an oil train junk yard.**

I respectfully request you do everything in your power to remove these junk tanker cars from the Adirondack Park and prevent them from ever being stored in this magnificent place again.

The Adirondack Council is a privately funded, not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) organization whose mission is to ensure the ecological integrity and wild character of the Adirondack Park.

Thank you for your consideration and response.

Sincerely,



William C. Janeway  
Executive Director



Thank you for your attention to  
this urgent matter. We appreciate your help.