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Thank you. My name is Ted Sprague. I'm the President of the Cowlitz Economic Development Council. I submitted my comments in writing previously. But one thing I just wanted to echo not only what Commissioner Averett said about the importance of this site is that the proposal that IP has could create this mound at the site which will not only prohibit future operations but could force existing operations to cease operating in the area. And that's very hurtful. We can't afford to lose opportunities but we also can't afford to lose the jobs we currently have. So that's another important component and again, the Economic Development Council has submitted written comments. We support the Port's alternative. Thank you.