

## Sept Gernez

Hi, my name is Sept Gomez. I'm an organizer with the Sierra Club, and I'm representing our 3.8 million supporters across the country who are counting on you to deny this project. The Sierra Club's mission is to explore, enjoy, and protect the planet. This project would destroy the local environment while massively contributing to global warming, and as such, we're working to stop it.

I'd like to remind you of your mission statement. The Department of Ecology's mission is to protect, preserve, and enhance Washington's land, air, and water for current and future generations.

Approval of this project would be a counter to your mission. We've given you facts so you don't need facts from me. I'd love to share where I'm coming from personally on this.

I am a transgender non-binary person and many youths in the trans community are unhoused. While the Clean Air Agency has been telling everybody to stay inside with the wildfire smoke fueled by climate change, our youths are out there suffocating. Unhoused individuals cannot stay inside. During this pandemic, my sister has been pregnant. She's due in December. It's a strange time to be welcoming my niece into the world and I'm counting on you to fight for a future where these kids can survive.

Please deny this project. Thank you