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My name is Mecca. I have very big concerns about the impacts and health consequences on the people in Landon Kalama, the surrounding cities and counties, the States, our waterways, and the air where the proposed methanol refinery and any future dirty energy corporations. It's not a secret that the energy companies mislead the public. They are responsible for the inevitable damage and destruction to our precious land and they disregard the cost and detriment to humanity.

Over 10 years ago, my husband was on the Deepwater horizon oil rig when it exploded in the Gulf of Mexico. I want to believe that everyone in this country knows about this tragic environmental and ecological disaster, but surprisingly, they do not. BP, Transocean and Halliburton were responsible for their gross negligence and willful misconduct. They continue to profit in the billions despite their record for irresponsibility.

Almost two years ago, my parents lost their home and every treasured possession in the paradise California fires due to the admitted negligence of PG&E. How many are now relocated, homeless and facing health issues? PG&E filed for voluntary bankruptcy protection and anticipation for the impact of billions of dollars in liability claims for one of California's deadliest wildfires.

PG&E now has more than 50 billion in liabilities, and we know that it will not make the people in the land whole again. This too was preventable. For years, I've sat on legal hearings, government meetings, and going to Washington DC to watch my husband testify to the Senate about the problems with energy industries and the impact. It doesn't take a genius to know that greed is the prominent factor.

Fossil fuel companies will spew deceptive narratives, including promises to ensure responsible emissions and economic contributions that they really can't calculate. They promise jobs, which decline year to year and tax revenues that are usually far from accurate. There are daily implications of pollution and damage, but I'm concerned for the large-scale incidents of human miscalculations that permanently scar our lungs and our landscape.

>> Mecca, we'll need you to provide the rest of your comments in writing