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My name is Philip England. I'm part of Sunrise Selfless Washington, in Vancouver, Washington. As we know, the climate crisis we're in is now undeniable. Every year, it keeps getting hotter and hotter, and we keep breaking heat records to the point where the entire West coast this year has been on fire. Well, we haven't burned down yet, we're still faced with smoke that went beyond the hazardous, it broke the meter. This is just the beginning, this is going to keep happening, this is going to keep getting worse and worse unless we take strong and immediate steps to save our [inaudible].

A methanol refinery is not the way to do that. All this talk of market conditions, the global market and these graphs, that's a capitalist show game, it's imaginary, it's a mirage. There's no [inaudible], that just because we put up a refinery in Kalama China isn't going to go," Okay, well, they put up one, well, let's shut down a couple of ours", it doesn't work like that. Then we're going to have all refinery going, they're going to have their refinery going, the only thing this does is put millions of tons of carbon into the air.

This is mitigation measures that they say they're going to do are not only insufficient, we don't need mitigation. This is not a step in the right direction, this is not good for the climate in any way, shape, or form. We need not to have this at all. In the strongest term's possible, I urge the department of ecology to deny this permit. This is our future we're fighting for, these are our lives we're fighting for, and that is pretty frigging serious. Thank you so much. I wrap up.