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>> My name is Peter Abbarno. I'm a small business owner, Attorney, mayor pro tem in the city of Centralia in Lewis County. But most importantly, I'm a father of two young school-aged children. I'm in favor of the methanol facility because of the positive regional impacts it'll have on jobs and the economy for my family and many other families, and the impact it will have on helping flattened the global greenhouse gas emission curve. Good-paying and family-wage jobs shouldn't be the sole province of the future sound. Southwest Washington deserves greater work opportunities and this project will not only create construction jobs, but 200 plus permanent family-wage jobs.

I have no doubt that high schools and community colleges will be creating curriculum and programs that complement this type of facility who will need employees with trade vocational training, as well as education in the science and math mathematics. The methanol facility will be huge factor in reducing the unemployment rate in Southwest Washington, which has over nine percent in Cowlitz County, and over nine percent here in Lewis. In addition, ecologies and analysis predicts that the facility will reduce global greenhouse gas emissions by about six million tons. That is assuming a large amount of methanol would be used as fuel rather than the intended use without factoring in future technological improvements and additional mitigation factors.

This type of displacement is a positive step towards reducing greenhouse gases globally. Washingtonians want their kayaks, tents, cars, and computers so why not contribute it to contribute to their production here and produce it in a way that will reduce global GHG? The alternative is that those products will be produced solely in other countries without any emission regulations. Actually, this facility is contributing more to GHG emissions than acting on the facility, which would help reduce global GHG and create local jobs. Thank you.