

## State Representative from District 13

>> My name is Alex Ybarra. I'm a state representative from District 13, which is North Central Washington. Most importantly, I'm an advisor for the energy strategy Advisory Committee, which is tasked with meeting all of the 100% clean bills meaning we have a goal to limit the amount of carbon issued into the air in 30 years and the goal is set. Some of the things that we consider on achieving those climate goals is electricity generation, buildings, transportation, and manufacturing. This particular project would be part of the manufacturing goals that we need to meet in order to meet our climate goals over the next 30 years to keep the climate clean for our future kids.

At the end of the day, the goals will be met. If this plant goes up, the goals will be met no matter if the plant is up or not, but we will achieve those climate goals that have been set in legislature. Another thing that I'd like to also talk about is forest fires. I live in eastern Washington and every fire that comes across, most of them in the Cascades come directly to my hometown of Quincy, Washington.

We had smoke for a week and a half before there was any smoke in the Seattle area at all because the fires come to us. If you talk to the folks that live in Kittitas County, Yakima county in the fire areas, it's not due to climate change, it's due to forest management. We had \$65 million set aside to do more forest management which was not passed by a portion of the legislature so there was no forest management to happen. It's forest management that needs to happen to stop the forest fires, not climate change. We're doing something about climate change with the 100% clean bills.