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Thank you, Fran. My name is Diane Fields, and I'm a market rep with the Laborer's Union in North America. I've lived in Southwest Washington my whole life. Right now we live in Battleground. I'm here listening to testimony and it sounds like a lot of folks from California, Oregon, Seattle and elsewhere, are weighing in on something that they don't understand or respect and that's our community here.

We live in a beautiful place and we appreciate that. That's been left behind by the economic opportunity that the rest of the state has experienced. Our communities were founded on innovating, and cutting edge industrial development. This project provides the opportunity for Southwest Washington to return our proud legacy by creating family-wage jobs and making a meaningful contribution to tackling climate change.

If we are to confront climate change, we must invest in new clean ways to manufacture the things we use every day. We can't solve climate change through inaction. We must be led by science, not personal bias. This study from Ecology has answered the question it was asked and should be the final answer. It's time to make progress for both people and the planet.

Also, by listening to people, I've come to the realization that this project is the next step in moving forward in a safe way. Everything moves forward with the production and emissions that are going to be reduced. It's going to reduce emissions. It's incredibly naive for people to believe that we can immediately stop using fossil fuels and methanol. We use these products every day produced by methanol. In closing, I'd like to say that I really urge you to approve this project. Thank you very much for your time.