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All right. Thank you for letting me speak here today. I am speaking here as an individual and not as a Mayor of Kalama. I want to just address the jobs aspect of this refinery. No matter what gets built at the site, it will provide jobs. Whether it is a widget manufacturing company or a McMimins, all of the projects will provide jobs. This is an irrelevant point.

The short term construction jobs will be mostly for putting the infrastructure in and erecting the refinery when it arrives from China. That is why the project uses a short less than two year construction window to be constructed. If this company really cared about construction jobs, they would build a refinery here and not in another place. That way you employ hundreds more local union workers and for a longer term employment.

How can we make sure that this plant is built and inspected and licensed by quality workers using quality components. For long-term employment metrics, we need to look no farther than Woodland, the nearest port to Kalama. This port has a five person per acre minimum standard for industrial development. The Kalama refinery even with the over-exaggerated full buildout of 200 employees will provide only approximately one job per acre which includes the footprint from the refinery and the 90 acres needed for mitigation.

We should look for multiple value added light industrial manufacturing companies for this site and not keep forcing another speculative fossil fuel product that would lock us into long-term emission production. The jobs created for these multiple manufacturing companies would also diversify the property tax and jobs provided and not on one highly volatile commodity market. The site is one of the last Greenfield deep water port properties in the Columbia. That's it. Thank you.