

Washington State Building and Construction Trades Council

>> Thank you my name is Mark Raker the executive secretary of Washington State building and construction trades Council representing approximately 80,000 construction workers here in Washington state. We strongly support this project, permitting of this project. Archly due to the fact that the process which has been followed for approximately seven years now has been extremely thorough. Both sides, the proponents and the opponents of this project, have had many times to weigh in, many public comments and attended many hearings and provided all the data required for proper robust study. Department of ecology has studied and studied and studied it. The outcome is that it will be a net reduction of 6 million metric tons over what would happen if it were not in place. Those are positive changes. I think that the environmental advocacy amenity can take rate pride in making this proposal if it comes to pass, the cleanest methanol manufacturing plants on the planet. That is a net victory. And it has led to many frustrations. And we get that picked this is an emotional argument for all of us. The benefits from my perspective would be jobs. Need the jobs. But on a personal note I have property in Bridgeport. Just last Friday night I stood on the banks of the Columbia watching the wildfires -- and this is not something I see in a photograph, something I live I'm very well aware of it and because both sides have stakes of opposite positions we make progress. We have to make progress. This project makes progress and we need that to Luke forward. I'm about to be a grandfather at the end of October and my granddaughter, she deserves us to make progress and leave her a better plan as to all of our children Thank you.