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Hi, this is MaryAlice Wallis. I've been a resident of Longview, Washington since 1972. My husband and I have raised our family of four in Longview. We love our community. It was founded by Robert A. Long a person with a grand vision for development and industry along our wonderful Columbia River water highway. As a taxpaying citizen homeowner and business owner, I have been concerned over the last several years at the great difficulty of seeing where the industries turned away from establishing in Southwest Washington. I am concerned for the welfare of the citizens that reside in my City of Longview, where I currently serve as the mayor. Our families need real jobs. Our region and state need real investment. Seeing citizens in our community without work or having to travel long distances to find work is discouraging.

I'm in full support of the Northwest Innovation Works. I appreciate the review done by the Department of Ecology. Those who continue to ignore the science behind this project are only fooling themselves. In addition to global greenhouse gas reductions, Northwest Innovation Works will mitigate for 100% of its in-state emissions, even those not directly tied to its facility 100%. This will create investments in renewable natural gas development, saving and improving forest lands and practices, and driving other innovative greenhouse gas reducing technologies and opportunities locally, regionally, and globally.

What further excites me about Northwest Innovation Works is not only will this project helped to employ 1,000 workers during construction and 200 into the operation of the facility upon the completion of construction, it will also generate \$30 million to \$40 million in new state and local taxes. The investment of Northwest Innovation Project provides a much-needed boost to our struggling Cowlitz economy. Please, please, issue permits for this project to proceed. Please listen to the folks that reside in this community