

Marianna Grossman

Thank you for having this hearing. My name is Mariana Grossman. I live in Portland, Oregon. I oppose this plant and agree with the concerns others have expressed about the climate and pollution costs of this refinery. I'm also troubled by the unnecessary conflict between good-paying jobs and human environmental health and well-being.

One example of a community that shifted from fossil fuels to locally produced bio and renewable energy is [inaudible] in northeastern Austria. They had lost their jobs and were very fossil fuel dependent and because they decided to invest in bio and renewable energy, they now have high-quality jobs and clean energy production, a technology research center.

They even had to build a hotel to support visitors coming to study their transformation, and technology and economic models they innovated. We should do this in our region too. We can increase forestry and agricultural jobs as well as technology jobs by investing in all of our futures and rejecting a fossil fuel disaster. Thank you.