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Hi, my name is Emily Chen. I live in Olympia. I'm a mother of two adult children and was a new immigrant 13 years ago. I worked for a popular school district and was a [inaudible] faculty of CWU biology department teaching environmental study in high school running STAR program. I am very concerned about our environment as well as our economy following real science respecting government regulations, community empowerment, setting high standards, leading by example and doing our part.

I support this project in two aspect. First, USA has the highest proficiency in technology and high standard regulation in maintaining housing environment. Instead of letting other countries pollute the global environment, we should act to solve the global pollution problem by lowering global greenhouse gas emissions. This project is exactly to do that.

Secondly, looking around our economic surroundings, especially under the impact of COVID. We need a company like this to support our local economy. Instead of passively rejecting all development, we need a plan to wisely use our natural resources for the benefit of our common good. I believe this project will just do that for our community.

I'm in support of the Kalama project. I appreciate the review done by the Department of Ecology. I believe right now, it's time for us to act and support the department to permit this project to proceed. Thank you.