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My name is Heidi Cody and I live in Vancouver. I'm here tonight because I'm concerned about the state of the planet we're leaving for future generations. I have an eight-year-old daughter. I've been mulling about the value of fear recently, specifically fear as it relates to acting to protect our climate and environment. I was told once not to talk about how short of timeline we actually have 10 to 12 years to get to a carbon neutral economy because it would scare the officials I was talking to.

Better to talk about a goal of 2030 maybe 2050, a more comfortable doable guideline. Here's what I'm afraid of, what if 10 years is actually optimistic to transition to carbon neutral economy. The five days we just spent locked up indoors from forest fires smoke make it obvious we need to act now. We have to stop opting into huge fossil fuel based projects. Instead, we need to opt out of them.

We need to act decisively to protect our future while we still can. We are at risk of burning up. This fracked gas to methanol factory is an opportunity to opt out the colossal amount of toxic GHG emissions from this Kalama plant could cause irreparable harm to our environment. Methanol is notoriously leaky from extraction to transport to delivery and refining. It is 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide. All of this environmental damage, all of this risk, so China can make more plastic or is this so China can burn the methanol?

Northwest innovation works is talked out of both sides of its mouth about this plant's true purpose. There is no reason to trust Northwestern Innovation Works. Here in the Cascadia subduction zone. we are overdue for a huge earthquake. We might not be able to recover from a large-scale accident. I call him the department of ecology to reject this methanol refinery. Thank you.