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>> My name is Jessica Zimmerli and I'm the program and-- in my work I see faith communities across the state who are doing everything that they can make their facilities more efficient and sustainable. Currently in conversation with five congregations looking at becoming net 0 carbon facilities. We are striving to be better stewards of the houses of worship because faith across all spiritual conditions causes us to care for earth and one another. We are doing what we can but sometimes we feel like prophets crying out in the wilderness. Prophets give warnings, they read the signs of the times and call out oppressive systems of power. And assigns of our time are stark.

All you need to do is look outside at the smoke hitting the region. The climate crisis is here and the communities are hurting. Please hear the prophetic cry that it's time to move beyond fossil fuels. Current market conditions do not provide justification for investment in 40 years of pollution. If anything, 2020 has shown us that we cannot predict the future. And the only sure thing in this analysis is that this refinery will be a major looter. We don't have time for that. We do have time to change the market. Denying this comma is the first step to doing so. We do not have to way this against other dirty fossil fuel facilities that don't exist. And said based on the stewardship, justice, reflected in our state s shared climate and clean energy goals. We need you to be join us as prophets, pave the path to a low carbon future. Take the moral high road. Do what is right and reject this harmful gas facility.