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Thank you so much for the chance to speak and share. I'm Luke Henkel and I work closely with Earth Ministry and on the Care for Creation team at St. James cathedral. I'm living in Seattle, Washington but very invested in opposition to this project. I just was on a trip this last week with [inaudible] sailor sea, walking from Mount Rainier to Houma down to the mouth of [inaudible] river and I was hearing the whole week about how proposed projects like this Kalama Methanol facility are 80%, 87%, 90% likely to fail at some point along the pipeline infrastructure.

Having lived in the Pacific Northwest for much of my adult life, I know what a green area we are, how likely we are to be known all over the world as this progressive place. I've heard a lot of science during this hearing but I just want to take a step back and talk simply. We've heard all of these facts, we've heard all of this data on both sides of the argument of whether or not we'll have this facility and for me, it's just convenient excuse to hide the fact that this is wrong.

We heard from Maddie Smith, who's part of Earth Ministry and she's wanting to say this is a moral reckoning. We're faced this year, 2020 as she said, if nothing else has taught us this year from all the crises we faced, we have the chance now to really pay attention to what all of these crises are teaching us and learn from them. Get it right, learn how to work together, learn how to say no to the things that we know are wrong. Forget all the data, forget all this slides that we're going through and just pay attention to what the indigenous leaders are telling us, to what the simple facts are and they are, this cannot go forward. If we want to have any chance of getting ahead in 2021 and beyond. Thank you so much.