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Talking points for the 10 AM Tuesday Ecology Testimony:

Before I begin, I want to thank you ahead of time for doing the right thing for the people and the planet in voting to reject Northwest Innovations Works proposal to build in Washington State the largest fracked-gas to methanol plant in the world.

My name is Denise Banker and I live in Port Townsend, Washington.

Why is this specific issue important to me: Overall this spherical planet, we all breathe the same air. We all depend on the earth's stability in its ability to support human life. I'm particularly tired of witnessing billion-dollar companies obfuscate data, use future speculation and mitigation schemes to hoodwink busy and underpaid government regulators. It's unfortunate that Ecology's current study relies on speculative mitigation and an unenforceable market analysis to paper over the impacts of this dirty, climate-wrecking proposal.

Here's why Ecology needs to reject Northwest Innovations Works dubious proposal.

- 1.) The people don't want the proposal approved.
- 2.) We know the hazards associated with fracking gas.
- 3.) We know the disruptions underground caused by fracking gas
- 4.) We know carbon emissions drive global climate change
- 5.) We know pipelines leak
- 6.) We know methane leaks are underestimated in this proposal
- 7.) We know the cost benefit analyses do not take into consideration all the healthcare, loss of livelihood, infrastructure, and insurance costs associated with noxious air, rising sea levels, intensified storms, and fire seasons.
- 8.) We know that it's hypocritical to say out of one side of your mouth "we can't base our decisions on speculations regarding what climate science tells us the future holds if we keep burning fossil fuels, or on future clean energy development..." while, at the same time, saying out of the other side of your mouth "we can base our decision on these data models that project into the future to base our decisions..." Talking out of both sides of your mouth is unethical.
- 9.) This project is not in keeping with the WA State clean air Goals.
- 10.) Fossil fuel energy production is a thing of the past.

11.)This company has consistently made false, misleading, and dubious claims.

To quote Governor Inslee's May, 2019 words: "I cannot in good conscience support this refinery."  
End quote. Now is the time to invest and approve renewable, sustainable, clean energy development.

I call on Ecology to reject Northwest Innovations Works proposal to build the largest fracked-gas to methanol refinery in the world. We don't need any more greenhouse gas producing energy systems, we don't need expansion of fossil fuel development and production. We need to focus solely on expansion of sustainable, renewable, clean energy systems that don't use fossil fuels. We definitely don't need any more plastic that's created using last century's methods. Thank you for your time.