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Dear WA Department of Ecology,

As a person of faith, I believe we are called to care for both the well-being of communities and the environment.

I am called to act out my values – I'm a member of Fauntleroy United Church of Christ and also a local Washingtonian for the past 30 years or so. My upbringing was centered around protecting our natural resources, fostering an understanding of stewardship. It's becoming clearer every year that more and more of our environment is at risk of being lost forever.

Yet I continue to remain hopeful and was proud of our state for declaring their commitment to clean energy and climate goals. I believe that clean energy for all is the path forward and the only way to move if we want to protect all we hold dear.. such as our human right to clean water and healthy air.

However I am concerned about this proposed menthol plant and wholeheartedly believe it goes against the values I have shared with you tonight – it frightens me that we are cowing to the pressures of the fossil fuel industry – I know in my heart that we can reject the path they have set out , a path that does not align with my values of clean water and healthy air.

So in conclusion I am firmly rejecting this proposal and need YOU Dept of Ecology to deny the Shoreline Permit in order to preserve a HEALTHY – SUSTAINABLE – THRIVING – FUTURE – WITH – CLEAN ENERGY !!

Building the world's largest fracked gas-to-methanol plant in Washington does not align with my personal values of stewardship and justice, nor does it support our state's commitment to reducing climate pollution. Please reject Northwest Innovation Work's proposed methanol refinery in Kalama and deny its Shorelines Permit.

The second Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Kalama methanol refinery clearly shows that this project is dirty, dangerous, and unwise. If built, our state will be locked into decades of additional climate pollution, even though we know it is past time to pursue a truly low-carbon future. Speculating that this project may displace other fossil fuels is not adequate justification for the known pollution that will harm our communities and climate.

Northwest Innovation Works has demonstrated that they are deceptive and will seek profit over people's wellbeing. They cannot be trusted to mitigate the impacts of this fracked gas refinery. The fact that the project has needed three reviews, with outspoken community opposition during each, shows that there is something wrong with it at its core. As Governor Inslee stated, we cannot support such fracked gas projects in good conscience.

You have a moral responsibility to protect public health and reduce our region's climate pollution. Please do what is right and deny this project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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