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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 a great-grandmother. I care a great deal about the world Isaac, my great grandson, will inherit. I want it to be clean and safe, but building the world's largest fracked gas-to-methane plant in Washington will not create that kind of world. This project will be dirty and dangerous; meanwhile we are ignoring other sources of power like wind and sun, that are cleaner, safer, and less expensive. Fossil fuels are limited; what will Isaac use when they are all used up?

When/if his world is locked into decades of climate pollution, dirty water, dead forests, I don't want him to look around at a devastated world and think, my great-grandmother let this happen.

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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