

Tina Barrows

My name is Tina Barrows. I live in Vancouver, Washington. It breaks my heart to hear that there's 15 and 16-year-olds on this testimony asking for us to not fuck up their lives. I have to agree with them and ask to oppose the building of this facility because I do not agree that fossil fuels are the way of the future. Building a fossil fuel facility that's potentially better than what we have right now is just the wrong path.

Scientifically looking at climate change, we know it's induced by global warming and we will have a huge biodiversity loss and unstable weather patterns, which will eventually disturb the earth's ability to sustain humans. I am a single divorced woman with cats, my only worry is who's going to feed the cats when the shit goes down. I'm asking all of you people on the panel who make the decisions. I know you're doing your job, I know you have all the facts, but I presume you also have children. You might have grandchildren. I asked you for their sake.

Since I have time left, also what hasn't been addressed yet, which I also feel is important, is that building more fossil fuel infrastructure destroys the land, it hurts indigenous people, the most vulnerable populations that we have, and it's just wrong. We need to go forward with clean energy sources or with reductions in our consumption, which is my personal opinion. It's a small decision to make whether Washington builds a facility, but it's going to be on a global scale a large factor, so I'm asking to choose wisely. Thank you.