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Hi, I'm Mirabai Peart, I live in Portland, OR.

Last Christmas, visiting family in Australia, we feared for our lives, as 46 million acres burned in fires unlike we'd ever seen. Now, here in the West Coast, we experience the same unprecedented destruction from 'climate fires', as the California Governor rightly calls them. Right here and all over the globe, fires rage, glaciers and polar ice steadily melt at alarming rates. Climate change is happening now. We are in a crucial time regarding the survival of humankind and life as we know it.

It is our serious responsibility now to outright reject any new fossil fuel infrastructure and we must deny the Kalama Methanol Refinery. Instead we can create jobs and careers within sustainable industries.

The 'Without Kalama' case in this SEIS is a strawman argument. Saying this methanol refinery will create an emissions 'reduction' compared to if, theoretically, the plant were built using other technologies and locations, is a fallacy and an outright nonsensical evasion of the climate crisis at hand. It is blatant greenwashing by The Chinese government corporation, Northwest Innovation Works. Insisting it has to be and will be built, whether here or somewhere else, is wrong. It does not, and it must not.

We must not allow a refinery that would cause more methanol to be burned as fuel overseas and result in significant methane pollution from fracking.

We must not allow this methanol refinery which would quickly become one of Washington's most significant sources of climate-changing pollution, and use more fracked gas than all of Washington's gas-fired power plants combined.

Any mitigation for environmental impacts and emissions would at best be a tiny bandaid on a gaping wound.

Economic impacts for the next 40 years stated in this study fail to attempt to look at economic impacts of climate change and climate disasters over the coming decades.

Let's be bold, and redefine our generation by making decisive and final rejection of this new fossil fuel development. This, in hope for the future of us, our kids, grandkids and all future generations. I appeal to you, please reject the Kalama Methanol Refinery. It shouldn't be built here or anywhere, and we must do our part to stop it.

Thank you.

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