Mike Bridges

My name is Mike Bridges and I'm a lifelong resident of Cowlitz County. I will keep my comments brief and try not to repeat myself since I have previously gave testimony for the record and I want to be respectful of this process. No matter how you look at the SEIS and its various range of data variables, even looking at the worst case scenarios for pipeline liquids, the project proves to create a significant reduction in GHGs. GHGs are a global issue that has no boundaries. To not move forward with this project guarantees the status quo and further acceleration of the effects of climate change.

I know during these hearings we have heard from project opponents, but as someone that is involved in my community, I have the privilege of working with business, labor, elected leaders, and many nonprofit organizations throughout the community. I can assure you that we have very strong majority support for this project in Cowlitz County, because it's a win for the environment, it's a win for the local economy while setting a high environmental standard and example for the rest of the US and the world.

I'd like to thank the Department of Ecology and all who participated in this process, including Northwest Innovations for this project and for us locally while helping to reduce global GHGs. Thank you