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My name is Janet Kirkland and I'm a proud Oregonian, parent, psychologist, and concerned citizen. I've come tonight to speak for those who can't speak for themselves, the children of tomorrow, the orcas, the salmon, and the earth that we've been gifted to steward. For their sake as well as our own I urge you to reject the proposed Kalama fracked gas to methanol refinery project.

This project will be a huge carbon polluter, emitting an estimated 4.6 million tons of climate pollution or more every year for 40 years. It would be one of the top polluters in Washington. It disregards Washington's climate related statutes and goals. The oil change international think tank says more natural gas is a climate disaster. There is no room for new fossil fuel development in the Paris Accord carbon budget.

Renewable Energy is the way of the future. By rejecting the Kalama methanol refinery project, we will be making the ethical choice that best serves future generations. They deserve a planet that is livable with clean air, clean water and a healthy ecosystem. I thank the Washington Department of Ecology for the opportunity to testify and for their stated mission to protect, preserve and enhance the environment for current and future generations. I urge you to reject the project permit and fulfill your stated mission. Thank you.