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My name is Denise Banker and I live in Port Townsend, Washington. Thank you for this opportunity to testify against the Kalama Manufacturing and Marine Export Public Hearing. I call on Ecology to do the right thing for the people and the planet in voting to reject Northwest Innovations Works proposal in building Washington State's largest fracked-gas-to-methanol plant in the world.

Why is this specific issue important to me? Overall, this is a spherical planet, we breathe the same air, we all depend on the earth stability and its ability to support life. I am particularly tired of witnessing billion-dollar companies obfuscate data and future speculation and mitigation schemes to hoodwink busy and underpaid regulators. It's unfortunate that Ecology's current study relies on speculative mitigation and an unenforceable market analysis to paper over the impacts of this nerdy climate wrecking proposal.

Here, it's why Ecology needs to reject Northwest Innovation Works dubious proposal. The people don't want the proposal approved. We know the hazards associated with fracking gas, we know carbon emissions drive global climate change. We know methane leaks are underestimated in this proposal. We know that cost benefit analysis do not take into consideration all the healthcare, loss of livelihood, infrastructure and insurance costs associated with noxious air, rising sea levels, intensified storms and fire seasons. This project is not in keeping with Washington State's clean air goals.

This company has consistently made false, misleading, and dubious claims. I call on Ecology to reject Northwest Innovations Works proposal to build the largest fracked-gas-to-methanol refinery in the world. We don't need any more greenhouse gas producing energy systems. We don't need expansion of fossil fuel development and production, we need to focus solely on expansion of sustainable, renewable, clean energy systems that don't use fossil fuels.