

Earth Ministry

Hello, my name is Maddie Smith, and I'm part of an organization called Earth Ministry. We organize people of faith throughout the state of Washington for environmental and climate justice. I'm a Unitarian Universalist and one of my faiths key principles is the respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are apart. It's clear from the SSEIS that ecology knows we're all connected, as you've taken a look at various scenarios of greenhouse gas emissions for the world. Whether this project is built or not.

As a person of faith, it's also clear that if 2020 has taught us anything, is that we are in a time of great moral reckoning. Right now we are all called to be prophetic and envision a future that is different from one shown in a model where climate pollution increases no matter what we do. We know that to create a livable future for future generations, we can't continue with business as usual. I'm a young person, and worry about what the world will look like in the 40 year lifespan of this proposed project. It's clear to me that we can't continue with business as usual, and that we can't assume that other similar projects around the world will be built if this project is not built.

As a person of faith it's also really important to me, that we listen to the indigenous folks who have always lived in this land. The person from the [inaudible] tribe who testified earlier. We have to listen to the folks that have stewarded this land and if they're opposed to this project, we must also be. Thank you.