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I am a family medicine physician, mother of two children and long-time resident of Washington State. I am deeply concerned about Northwest Innovation Works' proposal to develop and operate a natural gas to methanol production plant and refinery in Kalama Washington. It is well established that fracking causes water pollution and habitat loss and increases earthquake risks. Natural gas pipelines carry inherent risks for leaks and spills. The operation of the facility itself would pollute the Columbia River and decrease air quality. And, perhaps most importantly, this project would lead to greenhouse gas emissions at multiple steps from escape of gases at natural gas wells to the burning of methanol abroad. As demonstrated by the devastating fire season here in the West, climate change is a public health emergency. I call on the Department of Ecology to do the right thing and reject NW Innovation Works' proposal and deny the Shoreline Permit. We owe it to our children to focus on truly sustainable options of energy production. This is not one of them.