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My name is Carolyn Atkinson and I am a childcare worker at an elementary school in Seattle. My students understand that they are growing up in a world in crisis. I prepared these comments under the smoke of the homes of Oregon's 500,000 American climate refugees.

My students are anxious. I am anxious. I am 25 years old. The most terrifying impacts of climate change are projected to hit us within my lifetime. Before the end of the century, CO2 levels are likely to rise to the point of impairing human cognition. This methanol plant is going to pump millions and millions of something that in these quantities is no longer just a driver of the greenhouse effect but a toxic threat to our brains' own ability to problem solve something better. The SSEIS fails to account for the predicted cognitive impacts of CO2 in the local atmosphere, the effects of which will no longer be negligible before this plant is out of service.

The Kalama plant is justifying itself with the ridiculous logic that somehow, over the next 40 years, this plant will emit less than hypothetical other plants. This is an absurdity. The next 40 years are so unpredictable that a majority of my generation has agreed that we won't even bother to plan for retirement because of the scale of chaos on our horizon.

The instability of the future that breaks the flimsy 40 year logic of this environmental statement is caused by the climate crisis.

The instability is caused by fossil fuel expansion.

The instability is caused by projects exactly like this one.

The instability of this exact project is caused by this exact type of project.. It is indefensible to think that somehow, this time, it's going to be a net good, when this has never been true once in the last 40 years of fossil fuel expansion.

It's a ridiculous proposition to build and a terrible investment. It is a crime against my personal health and safety and the health and safety of my students, their families, and their home nations across the planet to consider accelerating the destruction of our futures.

Protect, preserve and enhance the environment for current and future generations. Deny the Kalama Methanol project and impose rules to prevent the possibility of repeating this deadly mistake in the future.