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My name is Amanda Swinson and I'm an Operating Engineer, Local 701 member. I am the mother of two beautiful little girls and the wife of another operating engineer that works on the Columbia River, maintaining safe travels. I started in the operating engineer apprenticeship in 2008 and became a crane operator through the program. I am very concerned about our environment and very concerned about our economy and this project goes above and beyond in addressing those concerns for me, as well as creating a community of empowerment, setting the highest standards, and respecting all government regulations.

I am in support of the Kalama project, and I appreciate the review done by the Department of Ecology. I am apprehensive about those who are out there that want to ignore the science and I believe more than enough study has been done to continue. I ask and believe that this is the time for the department to permit the project and proceed and move forward with all the benefits it will provide. Thank you, Department of Ecology. Good work, and please move forward swiftly.