

## Harriet Cooke

My name is Harriet Cook. I'm a retired physician with two children and my first grandchild on the way. That prospect terrifies me in this time of environmental degradation and advancing climate crisis. I live in Oregon, but climate change has erased the borders of our jurisdictions. What happens in Kalama affects Oregon, California, and the world.

Washington must hold the line and reject Northwest Innovation Works' proposal to build and operate the proposed refinery. We've heard testimony about the misleading claims and accounting of the projects upstream and downstream and climate pollution. I've heard that olefin plastics are essential for the products we deem necessary for a lower-carbon way of life.

We can find alternatives and build safe markets. This will be less likely if we maintain this toxic status quo. Just because there's a market for something, doesn't mean we should continue to support that market. From narcotics to fossil fuels, it's time to change our market. We need our engineers and construction industry to develop renewable energy projects and biodegradable products that do not contribute to life threatening pollution from methane and carbon to plastics and toxic chemicals.

We need cradle to grave responsibility in our industries. Have you seen the documentary Who Killed the Electric Vehicle? The issues with alternatives are political. It's our job to say no, we cannot keep building fossil fuel infrastructure and address the catastrophic climate change.

The recent overwhelming fires and hazardous air we all suffered should remind us how immediate our problem is, for the community of Kalama for our children and grandchildren and for our climate and forests and oceans and famine, we need to change how we do things. We need ecology to do its part and keep Washington on track to meet its climate goals. May you have the courage to stop this dangerous project.