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My name is Caleb Ceravolo, I'm a 15-year-old from Ridgefield. The pipeline that is part of the committee today would pump frack gas to export to Northwest Innovations Work, a Chinese company. This pipeline would go through the land that will be seized through eminent domain against people's will, whether they want the pipeline or not. This pipeline brings down the property value, which is said to be made up and just compensation, but who determines what just compensation is?

The pipeline also leaks flammable greenhouse gas into the area, which the company might say won't happen, but there's a gas and you can't stop a gas from leaking in such a large project longterm. Also, the Trump administration brought down requirements from keeping these leaks from happening. This is deadly for the people whose property this pipeline is forcibly put through on a local level and causes climate change on a global scale.

Also, the wells this pipeline would be pulling from will leak even when the company isn't using them or when the company eventually finishes pulling from them. Even if they're filled with concrete, which can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, this becomes a temporary solution because the concrete will erode eventually in 40 to 60 years, when the people who run this company are dead and don't have to deal with the consequences their actions caused.

This will become a problem that my generation has to deal with. We don't even want the pipeline in the first place. In summary, they are claiming you have to choose methanol over coal because of the lesser of two evils, but instead, you can choose no equals. You can't solve climate change by adding more fossil fuels. Thank you for your time.