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Hello, my name is Mirabi Piet. I live in Portland, Oregon. Right here and all over the globe fires rage, glaciers and polar ice steadily melt at alarming rates. Climate change is happening now. We are in a crucial time regarding the survival of humankind and life as we know it. It is our serious responsibility now to outright reject any new fossil fuel infrastructure, and we must deny the Kalama methanol refinery, instead, we can create jobs and careers within sustainable industries.

Without Kalama case in this SSEIS, is a straw man argument. Saying this methanol refinery will create an emissions reduction compared to if theoretically the plant were built using other technologies and locations is a fallacy. It's an outright nonsensical evasion of the climate crisis at hand. It is a blatant greenwashing by the Chinese Government Corporation Northwest Innovation Works. Insisting that it has to be, and will be built whether here or somewhere else is wrong. It does not, and it must not.

We must not allow a refinery that would cause more methanol to be burned as fuel overseas and result in significant methane pollution from fracking. We must not allow this methanol refinery. Which would quickly become one of Washington's most significant sources of climate change and pollution and use more frack gas and all Washington's gas-fired power plants combined. Any mitigation for environmental impacts and emissions would at best be a tiny band-aid on a gaping wound.

Economic impacts for the next 40 years stated in this study failed to attempt to look at economic impacts of climate change and climate disasters over the coming decades. Please, let's be bold and redefine our generation by making decisive and final rejection of this new fossil fuel development. This in hope for the future of us, our kids, grandkids, and all future generations. I appeal to you, please reject the Kalama methanol refinery. Thank you.