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Dear WA Department of Ecology,

As a person of faith, I believe we are called to care for both the well-being of communities and the environment.

As a state, Washington has made a great commitment to green renewable energy as a way to fight the climate change emergency currently threatening the lives and livelihoods of all Earth citizens. As WA state citizens, my family has personally committed to the role of green renewable energy by participating in the energy buy back program with our solar panels on the house and owning two electric vehicles. This project completely negates the progress and commitment of thousands of fellow citizens who are making their voices heard with this type of choice. We need more renewable green energy projects that will fuel economic and ecological success in this state instead of huge polluters constructed for the benefit of a few profiteers making big money from the sale of toxic energy overseas.

Building the world's largest fracked gas-to-methanol plant in Washington does not align with my personal values of stewardship and justice, nor does it support our state's commitment to reducing climate pollution. Please reject Northwest Innovation Work's proposed methanol refinery in Kalama and deny its Shorelines Permit.

The second Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Kalama methanol refinery clearly shows that this project is dirty, dangerous, and unwise. If built, our state will be locked into decades of additional climate pollution, even though we know it is past time to pursue a truly low-carbon future. Speculating that this project may displace other fossil fuels is not adequate justification for the known pollution that will harm our communities and climate.

Northwest Innovation Works has demonstrated that they are deceptive and will seek profit over people's wellbeing. They cannot be trusted to mitigate the impacts of this fracked gas refinery. The fact that the project has needed three reviews, with outspoken community opposition during each, shows that there is something wrong with it at its core. As Governor Inslee stated, we cannot support such fracked gas projects in good conscience.

You have a moral responsibility to protect public health and reduce our region's climate pollution. Please do what is right and deny this project. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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