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I'm a Washington State resident of 51 years, and today we'll focus on the biogas provisions of this act - w

and also social justice violations. That hurts most of our most vulnerable communities, where these consolidated operations are often located.

Well, it seems safe to follow in California steps. That experiment has demonstrated clear and disastrous secondary consequences.

a careful analysis shows that this approach actually makes the problem far worse.

which is one of the worst greenhouse gases, far exceeding CO2. But the digesters actually produce methane and do not remove it and just seek to capture the newly produced methane. Second, the biogas plants produce a huge amount of CO2 along with the methane. And the disposition of that CO2 remains unregulated - likely, a large proportion is just released into the atmosphere, completely negating the entire purpose of the Clean Fuels Act.

And the other portion of the CO2 is actually refined and sold, largely to beverage companies. It drives me crazy that Coke does not make its own bubbles. We're actually partially drinking manure gas. It is no wonder that three of the largest fossil fuel companies in the world have each spent over \$2 billion in the last year purchasing biogas infrastructure companies, and are actively working to convince Washington farmers to consolidate to be able to afford the biogas infrastructure.

Why? Because they know that fossil fuels are under attack worldwide, led by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and that energy source diversification makes good business sense. But with biogas, the proposed Washington Clean Fuels Act, they get paid for their business diversification. It doesn't take much thought to understand that with free carbon credits that are tradable out-of-state they can mitigate their fossil fuel activities. And this act becomes a fossil fuel. Corporate gold mine. I also worry about our state food security. It will not be long before the very large fossil fuel companies become shareholders in our largest farms.

But I just end with that we have to be aware that these tax incentives and carbon credits have negative consequences that sometimes outweigh the positive work that we're trying to do. Thank you.