



## New citizen of Clatskanie against the NEXT project

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To: Jacyn Normine <Jacyn.Normine@columbiacountyor.gov>; ePermits - Planning <planning@columbiacountyor.gov>

Dear Commissioners,

As a new homeowner in Clatskanie, I urge you to reject the NEXT renewables plan at Port Westward. My fiancé Ian Turner and I moved here this month, drawn by the peace, natural beauty, spiritual depth, and small-town, community-based orientation of the area. We are planning to put down roots here — we are getting married in Clatskanie this summer, hope to have children, and eventually want to open a retreat center which we hope will be just one of many in the area. An industrial-scale diesel refinery is not what we had in mind.

We are very much in support of building our local economy, and the people and the land here in Clatskanie afford many opportunities besides this one, which has the potential for devastating ecological consequences. We urge you to reject this project on the basis of its poor location, detrimental environmental impact, and planned uses which are incompatible with the surrounding riparian, residential, recreational, and agricultural uses.

We believe the Clatskanie area can grow its economy through offering respite, peaceful recreation, and land-based retreat to visitors from near and far. The NEXT project is not our only option for renewing the local economy. Instead of poisoning the air, land, and water with chemicals and noise, let us use our land, faith, and hospitality to offer this country charm to those seeking healing and rejuvenation.

Sincerely,

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