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"Thank you all for allowing me some time to speak. My name is Brian Manning and I am here representing Greenpeace USA and thousands of members in Washington State. One of the items discussed today is of great concern to us, Shell Oil's desire to berth their Arctic drilling fleet at Terminal 5. Shell's pursuit of Arctic oil against sound science would put Seattle's desire to be a "Green Gateway" on a downward slide to environmental catastrophe. Last week the Journal Nature published an article that specifically stated that if we are to stay under the two degree Celsius mark to avoid catastrophic climate change, we cannot afford to extract oil from the Arctic. Additionally, a recent draft environmental impact statement from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management stated that if production of oil occurs in Shell's lease area in the Chukchi Sea there is a 75% chance of an oil spill. According to an April 2014 report from the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences not enough is known about a spill in US Arctic waters to be able to clean it up effectively.

Climate chaos and an Arctic oil spill catastrophe.
The Port of Seattle does not want that oil on its hands. On behalf of Greenpeace USA and our members here and around the world we ask the Commission to deny Shell Oil the ability to keep their Arctic drilling fleet in the Port of Seattle.

Thank you for your time."