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1 everyone else has said, basically coal companies need to  
2 pay upfront before they go out of business, reclamation  
3 costs and environmental costs and social costs and  
4 climate costs. They need to pay reparation to those  
5 displaced by climate change and we -- they need to pay  
6 for a speedy and just transition to 100 percent  
7 renewables. Thank you.

8 MS. PATTERSON: Last call for Speaker  
9 No. 51. We are also still looking for Speaker No. 56 and  
10 57, if you could come down to Microphone 2.

11 If Speakers 61 through 65 could now come down to  
12 Microphone 1 to Amy.

13 Sir.

14 MR. BARBER: Thank you for having this  
15 hearing. My name is Rashad Barber and I'm representing  
16 Got Green which is a climate justice organization based  
17 in South Seattle.

18 As part of being a climate justice organization we  
19 see the environment not just as something to protect from  
20 increased greenhouse emissions, but the environment of  
21 the neighborhoods we live in, the air quality, the water  
22 we drink. Those are all integral to even just having  
23 healthy communities to the cause of climate justice.

24 So I do want to commend you all for having this  
25 hearing and putting a pause on leases until this review

1 process is complete.

2       Something you should know, in the Pacific Northwest,  
3 this is not a conducive environment for dirty energy.  
4 We've advocated against coal time and time again. Just  
5 recently Puget Sound Energy just put out a retirement  
6 plan for nearby coal strip in Montana. We must go  
7 further than this. We need to end new coal production  
8 and move towards a just transition of a clean energy  
9 source. We have the technology available now.

10       This is a -- this is old technology that we're  
11 talking about with coal power plant. Now with the last  
12 minute and a half I just want to speak to you a little  
13 bit more about the social cost of continuing coal leasing  
14 and continuing the extraction and use of coal.

15       So just so you know, I'm an African-American, a  
16 black person, and in the United States 68 percent of  
17 black people live within 30 miles of coal power plants.  
18 That's the closest radius you can be to receive all of  
19 the harmful effects of being next to coal power plants.

20       This is increased chances of heart, respiratory,  
21 asthma, things of the like. My mother and two of my  
22 younger -- I grew up in Denver, Colorado next to coal  
23 power plants. My mother and two of my younger sisters  
24 have asthma. So we're talking about the cost, and if I  
25 heard something about a fair return to the American

1 public, where's the health of -- of the social cost being  
2 spoken about here, when -- also when we talk about -- and  
3 I'm going to bring up race because it's the number one  
4 indicator to determining by the chances of someone being  
5 a next -- being exposed to pollution.

6       So we're talking about social economic impacts, but  
7 I ask you to really consider the social impacts. And  
8 there's no hospital costs that's being externalized the  
9 way that it's being affected to my family and our -- and  
10 my people.

11       So I'm -- I think -- I mean, it's been said time and  
12 time again we need to move past coal. I'm going to ask  
13 you all that you terminate the coal leasing program.  
14 There's enough coal -- there's enough to transition -- to  
15 do a just transition for the workers to find -- towards a  
16 more sustainable energy source. Thank you.

17                   MR. GUNN: Hi, there. My name is  
18 Brian Gunn. I am a member of the Climate Reality Project  
19 and I also am chair of the Washington State Progressive  
20 Caucus, an organization that believes in putting people  
21 and the planet ahead of corporate profit.

22       Now, when I ran for state representative back in  
23 2012, I walked the neighborhoods in my hometown of Auburn  
24 with a petition that was calling on Washington state  
25 leaders to deny permitting of coal export terminals.