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1 change for all the federal agencies.

2 So if and when I'm elected to the U.S. Congress this
3 November, I will be in Washington, D.C. again and I would
4 like to be on the oversight committee of the U.S.
5 Congress so that I can make sure that all the regulations
6 and EIAs that the Department of the Interior is proposing
7 right now will be a member of the oversight committee
8 looking to and make sure those are implemented as per the
9 comments of the united -- so many people here today.

10 I've been here for the last six hours and I'm
11 extremely impressed with the variety of comments they
12 have. Before I provide my comments, which I have already
13 written and submitted, I would like to say in the last 14
14 seconds a very important Native American proverb which
15 says, We do not inherit this earth from our ancestors.
16 We borrow it from our children.

17 So it gives you the real impact of environment and
18 the environmental disaster that climate change is doing.
19 Thank you.

20 MR. BATTIS: Thank you.

21 MS. DANSEREAU: Hello. My name is
22 Carol Dansereau. I'm an activist, author, and parent.

23 Here's what you have to do. You need to establish a
24 permanent moratorium on all new coal leases. You don't
25 need to go to the existing coal leases and cancel them.

1 Fossil fuels that you control need to stay in the ground,
2 period.

3 If you have read any of the major international
4 reports on global warming, you know this is true. If you
5 have paid any attention whatsoever to the rising
6 temperatures, the droughts, the Frankenstorms, the fires,
7 the acidification, the melting roads, you know this is
8 the only sane choice.

9 I want to talk about the context that this hearing
10 is taking place in. We are in the last year of the Obama
11 Administration, an administration which has given lip
12 service to caring about climate change but which has
13 overseen a skyrocketing of oil and gas production and a
14 skyrocketing of oil and gas infrastructure intentionally.

15 It has approved major leases of coal, and we have
16 heard from the materials here today that we don't need to
17 worry; those won't be affected by this pause. In other
18 words, there will be billions of tons of carbons spewed
19 into the air from the existing coal leases.

20 So our problem is not climate denying Republicans.
21 We have the problem whether we have Democrats or
22 Republicans in the White House.

23 The other context for this has been mentioned by
24 others, and that is that existing renewables could move
25 us swiftly away from fossil fuels and nuclear energy very

1 swiftly. There are blueprints available on how to do
2 this.

3 Why am I sharing this context? I'm sharing it
4 because I have a message for other people who are here
5 today because we care about humanity's survival, and here
6 is the message: Yes, we need to be here, and yes, we
7 need to be on the railroad tracks blocking those trains,
8 but we also need to be in another place that's very
9 important, and that is in discussions with one another
10 about why things are the way we are. Why is the deck
11 stacked against us? Why are we standing here as the
12 clock ticks down unable to make the changes that we need?

13 We need to accurately identify together what we are
14 up against. We are up against no less than an economic
15 system that makes democracy impossible and survival
16 impossible. There's a better way to organize things and
17 we have to be having that discussion. It's every bit --
18 it's more important than this sideshow that is going on
19 here.

20 We don't have to have major decisions affecting
21 humanity's fate in the hands of private corporations and
22 individuals for profit. We can have public ownership of
23 energy industries and we can put those solutions in place
24 now.

25 We don't have to have wealth accumulate so we have 1

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1 percent and 99 percent with that 1 percent completely
2 corrupting public discourse by controlling science and
3 everything else.

4 And we don't have to have jobs, a public need,
5 determined by the coal industry. We can have jobs
6 because we create them. Please join that discussion.

7 MR. BATTIS: Thank you. Is that all
8 from your group? Okay.

9 Then we're going to move over to Microphone No. 1.
10 It looks like, Amy, you have everybody lined up.

11 And it is just a little bit before 4. Our panelists
12 have agreed to stay and hear everybody, so thank you to
13 our panelist.

14 MS. PLUNKETT: I'm Janette Plunkett.
15 I am representative of the Presbyterian church and just
16 from our general assembly, where we passed from committee
17 a bill to divest from fossil fuels, and there are 400,000
18 Presbyterians that are requesting this.

19 So the big issue for us was the moral one, and I
20 know you've heard all about that today and I feel, like,
21 thank you for listening so much. If you want to stand
22 during my comments, I'd be fine with that.

23 I feel like you've heard kind of both sides, those
24 who are very fearful of this transition and those who are
25 very passionate about it, and I feel like I'm speaking