

1 If the federal government, and you are a part of
2 that government, is truly serious about the agreement it
3 made in Paris, the answer is straightforward: Get out
4 and stay out of leasing coal mining rights on public
5 lands. To do otherwise you'll only be undermining the
6 agreement your government, our government, and my
7 government made in Paris.

8 Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to
9 speak.

10 MR. BATTIS: Thank you.

11 MS. HEADSWIFT: Hi. My name is Cierra
12 Headswift. I live on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation
13 in Southeast Montana, and part of reservation is
14 surrounded by coal mines. But surprisingly, we don't
15 depend on them.

16 The Northern Cheyenne Tribe passed a resolution to
17 seek sustainable energy such as wind and solar panels.
18 And prior to this resolution, a solar system was
19 installed on the elderly complex and now partially runs
20 on solar power.

21 Last Friday Eco-Cheyenne installed a solar system on
22 an Northern Cheyenne elder's home. That project was the
23 first of many in the transition to solar sustainability.
24 So there are cleaner and healthier ways to have energy.
25 And I don't want to be mean, but, like, why is this even

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1 a question? We have one earth. Each life is sacred.
2 Each animal life is sacred. Why would we put those lives
3 at risk? Why would we hurt the earth more than we
4 already have? Thanks.

5 MR. BATTIS: Thank you.

6 MS. GABUAT: Good afternoon. My name
7 is Rhondalei Gabuat. Myself and Nico Francisco are
8 representatives of Bayan Pacific Northwest. We have deep
9 connections with the Filipino community here as well as
10 in the Philippines.

11 On November 8 in 2013 was a nightmare for many of
12 us. Super Typhoon Haiyan tore through the Southeast Asia
13 devastating the Central Philippines. The 195 mile per
14 hour winds destroyed whole villages and towns resulting
15 in at least 6,300 people dead or missing.

16 While many in our community here were frantically
17 searching to see if family and friends were okay, we
18 mobilized here as Bayan Pacific Northwest relief efforts
19 on the ground in the destroyed areas, distributing food
20 and other basic necessities through exposure programs.
21 So we sent folks back home on the ground to help.

22 We encountered widespread homelessness, the lack of
23 sanitation, and bodies still being dug out from the
24 rubble and the debris.

25 Climate scientists are clear on this issue.