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1 MS. KIENHOLZ: Hello. My name is
2 Claudia. I'm not a public speaker, so I'm a little
3 nervous, but I think this issue is critical.

4 I want to thank the Duwamish whose land we're on
5 today, and I'm grateful for the testimony that we've
6 heard earlier from the First Nations people who came from
7 Warm Springs and Colorado, from the people from Bayan and
8 Got Green, from the ranchers and farmers, parents and
9 grannies and all who have spoken and listened here today.

10 You asked -- one of the questions that you asked was
11 how does the federal coal support fulfilling the energy
12 needs of the United States. That's what I'd like to
13 address. I think it's an important question, and I think
14 to answer that question we have to also understand what
15 the energy needs of the U.S. are.

16 When -- I think when the power goes out during a
17 winter storm, many people reach for whatever heat source
18 they have available. They turn on the gas oven, bring in
19 the outdoor grill, outdoor barbecue, electric generator,
20 move it inside or outside, and every year people die from
21 carbon monoxide poisoning, from house fires.

22 We can keep warm for a short period of time, but
23 when we're dead, we're all cold. Using coal, the coal
24 reserves that we know need to stay in the ground for
25 energy currently is like heating a house with a barbecue

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1 grill. It's ineffective and it's deadly.

2 We've come to see coal as an available resource and,
3 therefore, one we should use. But what the U.S. and the
4 world really needs is safe and sustainable energy. For
5 all the reasons that you've already heard today, the
6 extraction, transportation, and burning of coal utterly
7 fails to support this energy need.

8 But you can achieve your multiuse mission, which is
9 to, quote, "to sustain the health, diversity, and
10 productivity of America's public lands for the use and
11 enjoyment of present and future generations."

12 You can do this only by making this moratorium
13 permanent and ending coal leasing on federal lands.

14 Thank you.

15 MR. BATTIS: Thank you. Number 111.

16 MS. MORGAN: Hi. I'm Bobby Morgan. I
17 live on Bainbridge Island and I'm here today as a -- just
18 a citizen activist. I volunteer with Citizens Climate
19 Lobby.

20 I am just so grateful to you for providing this
21 opportunity for us to participate in the Program
22 Environmental Impact Statement process, the review. That
23 tells me that you are deeply questioning the whole
24 concept of coal leases on federal land. So you're open
25 to big changes, open to the notion of maybe getting out