

1 which would otherwise be externalized.

2 In summary, we thank the Bureau of Land Management  
3 and the U.S. Department for the Interior for seeking to  
4 improve the federal coal leasing system and look forward  
5 to continuing to work with your agencies on the eventual  
6 implementation of a modernized and improved system built  
7 to serve the interests of America's communities, workers,  
8 taxpayers, and our natural environment. Thank you.

9 MS. LOCKHART: My name is Alice  
10 Lockhart. I've been touched, honored, and humbled by the  
11 beauty of testimony I've heard today. I work with  
12 Seattle 350 and with Seattle Rising Tide, but I'm not  
13 here to speak to these -- for those groups today. I'm  
14 speaking as a mother whose adult children don't yet know  
15 whether they can in good conscious have children of their  
16 own in the world we're creating with said existential  
17 threat of climate change. And I'm working towards the  
18 very possibility of grandchildren today.

19 I thank Secretary Jewell for asking this question  
20 and for the moratorium and the opportunity to speak and  
21 for asking this question, how do we manage the program in  
22 the way that is consistent with our climate change  
23 objectives. I promise you about 50 pages of closely  
24 spaced bullet points on that issue. I'm only going to  
25 address three here today.

1 First, given that the BLM calculates the current  
2 leases contain enough coal to continue extraction at  
3 current rates for 20 years, we need a policy that uses  
4 current science to determine whether further leases are  
5 even possible.

6 I trust that BLM will consult climate scientists who  
7 are not in any way beholden to the fossil fuel industry  
8 in answering this question and will follow their advice,  
9 even if that advice is no more coal.

10 Second, I ask that in the unlikely and sad event  
11 that further coal extraction on our public lands is  
12 allowed, BLM must please create rules that allow the  
13 flexibility to change your policy as the climate  
14 emergency progresses.

15 We currently have targets of 6 percent reduction per  
16 year. Those targets are likely to need to change. We're  
17 seeing climate global warming happening faster, not  
18 slower, faster than previously anticipated. Moreover, if  
19 we don't make our targets in one year, the only way to  
20 get to safety is to do better the next year because it's  
21 going to get too hard the year after that.

22 So please allow yourself the flexibility to say no,  
23 not to future coal, but to all coal at the moment when  
24 that has to happen if I am to have grandchildren.

25 And thirdly -- oh, no, 23 seconds -- the same thing

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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