

1 long-term economic health for the United States.

2 So in conclusion, I feel like if the standard
3 perspective is taken to this, it's going to lead to a
4 certain set of factors taken into account, costs,
5 benefits, optimize the program, et cetera.

6 But if the correct perspective is taken into account
7 in all fronts, whether it's public health, environment,
8 economic growth over the long-term, leadership,
9 pollution, climate, all of those factors begin to point
10 in the same direction, which leads to the conclusion in
11 my view, that likely the best modernization program for
12 the federal coal leasing program is the end of the
13 program.

14 Thank you very much.

15 MR. BATTIS: Thank you. We have No. 94
16 I skipped over. We now enter organized chaos, which is a
17 theory that Einstein would come up with, I'm sure.

18 MS. MACKAY: Thank you.

19 Hi. My name is Vivian MacKay and I live here in
20 Seattle. I'm just an ordinary citizen without a lot of
21 the hard facts that other people have been bringing here
22 today, and I hadn't really thought about speaking today,
23 but decided maybe I should.

24 My house is about 50 feet from the railroad tracks,
25 and when I bought it about 28 years ago I cleaned my deck

1 once a year in the spring after the winter rains. Now,
2 with four to six coal trains a day with more than a
3 hundred cars that are open, I have to clean the deck at
4 least four times a year, and even that doesn't really do
5 a very good job anymore.

6 So, okay, why should we care about my deck? So it's
7 a sign of the problem. My health, I'm breathing in coal
8 dust. My strawberries and blueberries and apples are
9 coated with coal dust. The neighborhood kids are out
10 running around and playing outside and breathing in coal
11 dust.

12 The kids and the adults playing at Golden Gardens
13 Park on Puget Sound, which isn't too far from my house
14 are breathing in coal dust because the trains run right
15 behind the park. The coal dust is blowing into Puget
16 Sound from the trains, again, running right along the
17 Sound, endangering the fish, the birds, shellfish and
18 anything else that happens to be close by.

19 I'm a sea kayaker, so I go out paddling and I see
20 coal, chunks of coal in the water along the side of the
21 Sound. So you know, now we have better energy sources
22 like solar, which I have on my house, and wind, and other
23 options as well. We can now reduce or stop coal use and
24 stop coal export. We're not even using most of the coal
25 that's being produced, and so it's being exported and

1 making a mess as it goes along.

2 I'd like to suggest that we work together to find
3 better employment opportunities for the citizens of
4 Wyoming and Montana and Longview, Washington and get rid
5 of the use of coal completely.

6 Thank you.

7 MR. BATTIS: Thank you. I believe the
8 next number is 101.

9 MS. WOOLLEY: Hi. My name is Deborah
10 Woolley and I live here in Seattle.

11 I'm here to speak as a Seattle native who's had a
12 lifelong love relationship with the lands of the Pacific
13 Northwest. Backpacking and hiking, snowshoeing and
14 cross-country skiing, paddling, fishing, swimming and
15 bicycling in the mountains, forests, rivers, and seas.

16 I've cherished these public lands as my home as the
17 place where I belong. My children grew up here and were
18 nourished physically, mentally, emotionally, and
19 spiritually by these same experiences in the outdoors.

20 They drank the clean water and breathed the clean
21 air of the Pacific Northwest blessed to grow up in a
22 place where temperatures were moderate and one could go
23 out into nature most of the year.

24 I assumed they would spend their adult lives
25 enjoying and treasuring this natural environment as I