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Comments (use back if needed):

There is only one argument in favor of exporting coal - the financial argument. As a social entrepreneur with an MBA in Sustainable Business, I have spent over a decade studying the devastating impacts of an economic system that puts the financial bottom line above all others. As a parent, I fear that if we don't also start considering the social and environmental bottom lines, our children will be forced to navigate a dangerous world that may not even be habitable for their own children. We are the first generation to know the truth about the full impact of the coal industry. And we have an obligation

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to stop it.

I'm assuming that I don't need to cite the science on the relationship between fossil fuels and global warming/climate change, and that I don't need to mention that coal is the dirtiest of all fossil fuels. Instead I would like to remind you that economic fear-mongering is the last resort of individuals, local governments and industries that cannot or will not acknowledge how our current economy works, let alone how it must be transformed.

While it takes brave and strong leaders to think beyond the numbers, even if we do restrict consideration to the financial bottom line, an understanding of traditional economics should lead to the right decision - a no vote. Our existing economic system demands that industries seek the most cost-effective way to generate revenue (and avoid (cleanup) expenses). But the free market shows time and again that when industries are forced to innovate, they can and do.

I urge you to act on behalf of our planet, our children and the understanding that a no vote will lead to sustainable solutions that we desperately need. Please help ensure that we leave these dirty fossil fuels in the ground for good. Please use your power to help end this dirty inequitable industry and propel us into a cleaner, safer future for all.

Thank you!