

1 deficit financial assurance rules such as self-bonding,
2 accelerated mine reclamation, miner's pensions and health
3 care funds and assistance from the coal country to a
4 diversified transition and rebuild.

5 Thank you again for your leadership and your
6 consideration.

7 MS. MILLER: [Speaking in Native
8 Language.] I am Carina Miller. I'm a recently elected
9 tribal council member from the Confederated Tribes of
10 Warm Springs and I just wanted to come today to make a
11 statement from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
12 that we do not support any fossil fuels going over any
13 indigenous lands which do include the Columbia River and
14 the surrounding areas.

15 The tragic derailment of the Union Pacific oil train
16 in Columbia Gorge is no shock or surprise. This sort of
17 catastrophe is inevitable when hubris and greed blind
18 men. Oil trains in our lands will stain them deeply over
19 time if we do not stop them now. The oil that is spilt
20 soaked in the soils, fowled our air and leaked into our
21 precious waters makes the Warm Springs people angry.

22 This crash took place on our ancestral lands and --
23 in what are the lands we used and cared for before we
24 were moved to the reservation inland. These trains and
25 this wreck is a serious affront to the Confederated

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1 Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and we
2 demand answers.

3 We commend Governor Brown for her strong reaction,
4 but we now call on all our friends to work with us in the
5 community of Mosier and other Native Americans to make it
6 a priority that the state and oil trains and the
7 despoilment of our lands -- this will be a fight.

8 We hear of alternative routes for oil trains. We
9 fear some wrong kind of people may believe that putting
10 more oil down the rails that border the Deschutes River
11 is an alternative, and it is not. We, the Warm Springs
12 Tribe, will block any attempt to expand oil shipments on
13 any part of Warm Springs lands and along the Deschutes
14 River.

15 We must make this tragic wreck something positive.
16 It must be the proof we all use to stop the oil trains.
17 It must press us into action. We call on the community,
18 the governor, our federal trustee, and all of Indian
19 Country to use this event as proof that we must take a
20 stand now.

21 Continuing to let oil and coal go along the Columbia
22 River or along any indigenous lands in this day goes
23 directly against our treaty rights, which supersedes
24 state and city incorporation rights. It goes against our
25 ability to decolonize, to reclaim identities taken from

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1 us, to give us the ability to come out of an oppressive
2 colonization identity that have been forced on us for 500
3 years.

4 This not only affects our livelihood of our
5 fishermen and our people who live along the river. It
6 also affects our ability to connect back to it
7 spiritually and culturally and historically, which is
8 something that we're still fighting for is just to have
9 identity in those lands and those towns and those areas.

10 This is a small piece of a much bigger issue of
11 indigenous leaders not being seen as equal to federal
12 leaders and to state leaders, which we are, and our
13 voices have not been heard equally for hundreds of years.

14 But I'm not just here to represent tribal council.
15 I am also here to represent my younger generation of
16 indigenous people who are educated, who are educated in
17 environmental science, who are educated in politics, who
18 are educated in writing, who are educated in so many
19 things and we are ready to pick up this fight that we've
20 inherited from our elders. And I know many of us pray
21 that our kids and our grandkids will not have to continue
22 this fight.

23 Sorry. I'm still getting used to public speaking.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You're doing great.

25 MS. MILLER: So to finish up, I just

1 ask that you guys really take this seriously and
2 understand that we are equal leaders and we should have
3 equal voices and this is a way to support us to
4 decolonize. This is a way to get back a lot of what has
5 been taken.

6 I wore this shirt of Celilo Falls because that was a
7 huge part of who we were that was taken from us and that
8 pain, that historical trauma, it's still inherited into
9 this generation. I still feel those effects.

10 This -- is if this continues, this will just be
11 contributing to that loss of identity and the U.S.
12 government's inability to understand our issues and to
13 support us in real ways. Thank you.

14 MR. CONSTANTINE: Good morning. My
15 name is Dow Constantine. I am the elected executive for
16 the 2.1 million people of King County in which we're
17 meeting this morning. Welcome.

18 I also chair the Safe Energy Leadership Alliance
19 which is a coalition of over 165 officials, tribal
20 officials, local and state government officials, from
21 across the Western United States and British Columbia who
22 are jointly advocating for full assessment of the risks
23 and costs of oil and coal export.

24 First and foremost, I want to thank President Obama,
25 Secretary Sally Jewell, the Department of the Interior,