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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

1 of the coal leasing business altogether.

2 You do have that power. I know you feel it, too.

3 We are here, all of us that have been here today, are
4 here to encourage you and support you in that.

5 And what criteria will you use in writing your new
6 guidelines? It really all comes down to tweaking the
7 language, and that's hard work. So I hope you consider
8 the Paris Agreement, our country's commitment to
9 significant CO2 reductions in time so that the planet is
10 habitable.

11 That is the moral compass guiding this process,
12 habitability. What can be more profound than that? You
13 are in a deeply important position to provide immense
14 benefit to all of us, the shift to life-affirming power
15 rather than the energy of destruction. So your challenge
16 now is to keep the moral compass throughout the process.

17 When all the public meetings are done and your team
18 meets to hammer out the specific nuts and bolts of policy
19 language, you need the moral compass. When the hard work
20 of the EIS specifics make your eyes glaze over, just
21 remember the moral compass. And when you feel immense
22 pressure from coal companies, just remember that moral
23 compass. And when you face heartbreaking stories of job
24 losses from restricted coal operations, you still have to
25 remember the moral compass. And we have your back, all

1 of us.

2 We know you're facing all of these challenges and we
3 are too, and there are so many of us to support you in
4 this. Hold that in your mind as you're struggling and
5 crafting the new life-affirming policy offering new
6 leases, sun and wind, bringing so many new jobs to those
7 lost to coal, death, new jobs for an economy that
8 celebrates life.

9 So I stand here speaking for the millions of us who
10 need you now and for the enumerable others of the coming
11 generation whose lives depend on your moral compass. You
12 have our back.

13 MR. BATTIS: Thank you. Number 121.
14 After 121 we'll have 124.

15 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Well, I feel for all
16 of you having to sit here all this time. I'd like you to
17 know that this is how I chose to spend my birthday.

18 Hi. I'm Steve Rubenstein. I'm representing myself
19 although I'm also actually an independent candidate for
20 governor, but that's not important right now.

21 I'd like to talk to you about light bulbs, and --
22 well, actually we'll get back to light bulbs because I'm
23 not actually here to kill coal. I'm here because coal is
24 killing us.

25 Coal companies can't mine it without impacting the