

1 allowing us to continue to send it over, what you're  
2 doing is you're creating a situation where the lower the  
3 price of coal goes, the more and more and more and more  
4 and more heroin has to be pulled out of the ground and  
5 shipped through Washington and Oregon in order to keep a  
6 project like an export terminal sustainable -- or it's  
7 the -- what's word -- what's the one where it keeps  
8 happening? Chronic. I'm sorry. I'm trying not to be  
9 silly. It's really a weird day for me.

10 24, 23. So you know, fossil fuels are just for  
11 nerds. We can do absolutely so much better.  
12 Communities, like, I'm from Portland, I don't know if  
13 that was obvious, but communities like Portland in Oregon  
14 decided it didn't want fossil fuel infrastructure and  
15 have already chosen to do better. And this nation can  
16 absolutely do better. And so public lands should have  
17 solar panels on them. That's my thing.

18 MR. BATTIS: Thank you. And I hope you  
19 don't dream about a countdown clock tonight.

20 MS. MORGAN: Good afternoon. My name  
21 is Tess Morgan, and I speak for myself as a citizen.

22 I would like to address President Obama, Secretary  
23 Jewell, Director of the Bureau of Land Management,  
24 yourselves and my fellow citizens.

25 Thank you for accepting my comments regarding Order

1 No. 3338. I would like to ask you specifically to regard  
2 the adverse effects of cancers in the discretionary  
3 Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement in  
4 modernizing the Federal Coal Program in our nation and in  
5 our future.

6 Please impose upon the coal industry, please hold  
7 them accountable and accept their responsibilities with  
8 regard to public health and individual citizen health  
9 costs. I support a permanent moratorium of further coal  
10 mining, coal plant operations, and I also propose  
11 renewable energy industries instead.

12 Please support the precedent of President Roosevelt  
13 in 1908 and that of the Environmental Protection Agency  
14 as documented in the research of Dr. Rachel Carson in her  
15 book Silent Spring, and with President Kennedy's  
16 leadership.

17 Our public lands were set aside for perpetuity;  
18 perpetuity of future citizens then and for now and onward  
19 for our future generations. It was not set aside for  
20 private international and intentionally short-term  
21 gain-sited coal industry companies, in my opinion.

22 Figures of actual costs of air pollution, famine,  
23 loss of drinkable water, toxic spills, fires,  
24 destructions of ecosystems are not found in the projected  
25 budget considerations of the Federal Register, Volume 81,

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1 No. 61 of which I have read twice.

2 Communities shoulder the cost of cancer,  
3 environmental degradation, loss and preventable  
4 destruction, not the coal companies. The director of the  
5 BLM is in the report's words, quote, "Responsible for the  
6 implementation of this order," end of quote Section 7A.

7 Please hold this responsibility seriously. I know  
8 you are by your respect today. But also, please include  
9 all of the tangible and the intangible costs of the  
10 implementation of responsible public land management and  
11 stewardship.

12 Please look at the international research treaties  
13 and the precedent of our past leadership. I know our  
14 current and future citizens rights to health, and any  
15 agreements that are in place, I think they should be made  
16 with those in mind for anyone who wants to lease or gain  
17 benefit by private interest at the costs our citizens.

18 Please pause leases in your review. How, when, and  
19 where is now and here. Thanks for your leadership and  
20 thank you for your time, special consideration, and a  
21 very thoughtful consideration.

22 MR. BATTIS: Thank you.

23 MS. BYRNE: Hello. My name is Ruth  
24 Byrne. I come before you today just as a person living  
25 in an impacted area of coal.