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1 politicians and lawyers to stop good people from trying  
2 to limit the corporate pollution that kills and disables  
3 thousands and millions of children.

4 Please stop all leasing to these coal people. We  
5 should also force them to pay for the pollution damage  
6 they have already done to our country, our people, and  
7 our environment.

8 Thank you for your time and consideration. I'm Mark  
9 Hennon.

10 MS. PATTERSON: I believe we're still  
11 missing Speakers No. 56 and 57. Are either of you still  
12 here? Okay.

13 If we could have No. 66 through 70 come down to  
14 Microphone No. 2. And we're also missing No. 65, if you  
15 could come to Microphone No. 1.

16 MR. VOGEL: My name is Richard Vogel.  
17 I'm representing Sierra Club and Keystone United Church  
18 of Christ.

19 It's kind of hard by this part of the day to come up  
20 with something original, so to begin with, I want to say  
21 that I agree with the remarks made by King County  
22 Executive Constantine and Representative McDermott. They  
23 pretty much summarized all the impacts.

24 I am sick and tired of the current economic business  
25 model of subsidizing profits and socializing costs. I

1 can understand the Bureau of Land Management undervaluing  
2 coal way in the past because that was to promote domestic  
3 energy security.

4 But now things are different, you know. There are  
5 clean, renewable ways to provide domestic energy. Coal  
6 is a dying industry that has lost its competitive edge to  
7 the other energy sources. So why are we keeping it alive  
8 on publicly funded life support?

9 And the current proposal to ship coal to Asia has  
10 nothing to do with domestic energy security. So in  
11 essence, we're helping other countries meet their energy  
12 needs.

13 How many U.S. jobs have been lost because of coal  
14 lease programs, you know, so they can keep their  
15 economies going, ship stuff over here? I'm frustrated by  
16 the jobs versus the environment argument. We heard it  
17 today from the Wyoming delegation. What is needed is a  
18 rapid transition to renewable energy to avert a climate  
19 catastrophe.

20 I was at the Longview coal terminal hearing, and it  
21 became real apparent that there were no alternative jobs  
22 to offer. You know, they'd come out and say, Look, we  
23 need jobs. These guys are proposing this terminal, we'll  
24 take it. We're grateful for the jobs. And there is no  
25 alternative.

1           And unfortunately, for the past 30 years, the U.S.  
2 government has effectively selected coal as a primary  
3 energy source to power the nation's electric grid.  
4 Market analysts have concluded that the coal's dominance  
5 has effectively prevented the development of  
6 public-private partnership programs and policies to  
7 improve energy diversity in the United States.

8           So you know, we could have other jobs if we get on  
9 with the program. So I'm urging you to make the coal  
10 lease moratorium permanent.

11                           MS. SHERMAN-PETERSON: Hi. My name is  
12 Deejah Sherman-Peterson and I'm here as a mother and a  
13 grandmother of three, ages seven, four and two. And I'm  
14 also here because I co-chair the climate action team at  
15 University Unitarian Church. Yep, I'm another unitarian  
16 standing up here.

17           We have -- we have seven principles of our faith,  
18 and three of them pertain to today's discussion. One is  
19 the inherent worth and dignity of every person. The  
20 second one is justice equity and compassion in human  
21 relations, and I feel that's where this whole jobs issue  
22 ends up. We need jobs in renewable energy rather than in  
23 the coal industry, and we need to be also very cognizant  
24 of what we're doing to the people in the global south  
25 whose -- who have no fault in this whole climate warming