

1 making a mess as it goes along.

2 I'd like to suggest that we work together to find
3 better employment opportunities for the citizens of
4 Wyoming and Montana and Longview, Washington and get rid
5 of the use of coal completely.

6 Thank you.

7 MR. BATTIS: Thank you. I believe the
8 next number is 101.

9 MS. WOOLLEY: Hi. My name is Deborah
10 Woolley and I live here in Seattle.

11 I'm here to speak as a Seattle native who's had a
12 lifelong love relationship with the lands of the Pacific
13 Northwest. Backpacking and hiking, snowshoeing and
14 cross-country skiing, paddling, fishing, swimming and
15 bicycling in the mountains, forests, rivers, and seas.

16 I've cherished these public lands as my home as the
17 place where I belong. My children grew up here and were
18 nourished physically, mentally, emotionally, and
19 spiritually by these same experiences in the outdoors.

20 They drank the clean water and breathed the clean
21 air of the Pacific Northwest blessed to grow up in a
22 place where temperatures were moderate and one could go
23 out into nature most of the year.

24 I assumed they would spend their adult lives
25 enjoying and treasuring this natural environment as I

1 have and in time would introduce their own children to
2 this legacy.

3 I'm here to speak as their mother because all this
4 is in jeopardy now due to our extraction, transport, and
5 burning of fossil fuels. And I'm speaking also as a
6 potential grandmother who's worried my children will
7 decide not to have children of their own due to their
8 despair about what is happening to the earth and its
9 climate and the uncertainty.

10 But I'm also worried that they will decide to have
11 children who will then be faced with a life of water
12 scarcity, food shortages, mega storms and mega floods,
13 intolerable daytime temperatures, millions of refugees
14 needing to live somewhere, and all the other results of
15 our generation's full-steam ahead consumption of fossil
16 fuels.

17 I want to raise this matter of fair return. You are
18 charged with ensuring that the coal leasing program
19 provides a, quote, "fair return to taxpayers." I want to
20 plead with you to take that charge very seriously, but
21 more seriously, in fact. I realize, of course, that the
22 phrase "fair return" is commonly understood as a
23 financial return -- a financial term, market value and
24 return on investment.

25 But as an elder I'm here to speak for the broader

